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# THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

At the first day's proceedings it was already clearly demonstrated that each person had constituted himself a guard ment of the same. to prevent differences or divisions. This was shown by the formation of the Committee on Resolutions, at its head, one by the board of directors. The treasurer shall furnish a state- H. M. Simmons presented papers on "The Morals of Evoluof the ablest jurist in our ranks, Judge Drake, of Chicago, the ment of his account when called for by the president or the tion." "Economics as Related to Evolution" was considered mass of Spiritualists know nothing about. Brother Howe is committee was to be in session continually, and by a provi- Board of Directors; shall keep such books of account as they by James A. Skilton and others. An increasing feature was one of that number. Many more faithful workers, honest sion of the Convention to have all resolutions referred to shall direct and at the close of the year, shall make a full rethem without debate.

finally be reported to the Convention from this committee, while the majority had their attention centered on the frame therefore duly approved by the proper auditing committee. and fashion of the Constitutior -- those who had been through the courts and studied the provisions of State Constitutions saw the critical point in the proceedings lay in securing a de- fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur in the board, claration that would not out radical the most advance Spirit such appointees to hold office until the next annual meeting, ualist, but instead so adroitly drafted that the radical fire or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; to apwas partially drawn.

tion began its work. The audience became impatient, and in funds of the association. The directors shall also be emorder to have something before them they directed the Commit- powered to solicit and accept gifts and bequests in the name tee on Resolutions to make a report after the noon recess Judge Drake had talked with many and secured their ideas, but the real facts are that Judge Drake drafted the resolutions as finally reported.

The coming year will prove this part of the work to be the most portentious event of the Convention.

If Spiritualism is to become an organized force it must adopt itself to the laws of the land. It may be all right from the standpoint of an anarchist to pay no attention to existant laws and jump at once into the middle of things. Spiritualism needs money if it desires to perpetuate itself, to receive bequests, escape taxation, to have all the benefits of our laws. The word religion, if taken to signify the relation between man and his God, would be the cause of strife at once. And yet to fit into our times and secure's recognized legal position the word religion should be woven into our declaration. We in the subordinate associations under its jurisdiction. want the friends of the cause to study carefully the wording of these resolutions. In this sense they have a double meaning, they enable our followers to define Spiritualism. Therefor when the friends desire to make a bequest to the National Association in trust for the cause we all love and the question should be raised and the claim made that Spiritualism is a Drake resolutions having been unanimously adopted by the filing the required report. assembled Spiritualists of United States will forever put a quietus on such a line of attack.

The following is the Constitution of the National Spiritnalists Association of the United States of America as adopted: PREAMBLE.

We, the chosen representatives from the spiritual associations, in delegate convention assembled, in order to form a more perfect and powerful organization, established intelligent co-operation, insure harmonious action and financial promote the general welfare of the cause, and secure the methods: blessings of liberty and protection under the law to ourselves and our posteri'y as a people, hereby establish this constitution for the guidance of the National Spiritualists Association of the United States of America.

# ARTICLE I.

NAME -- The name of this society shall be "The National Spiritualists Association of the United States of America." which society shall be incorporated by that title under the laws of the District of Columbia.

# ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS -The object shall be to prevent further waste of spiritual and financial energy by the consolidation and organization of the United States into one central, harmoniously working business association, for the establishment of new associations wherever possible, and the better education, equipment, and protection of lecturers and mediums and other exponents of Spiritualism.

# ARTICLE III.

SEAL -The seal of this association shall be circular, two inches in diameter, with a sun flower design in the centre, the title and date of organization appearing in large type around the outer edge.

# ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.—The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall be directors, and with five others shall constitute a board of nine directors, who shall be elected at a regular annual meeting by the delegates assembled.

# ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS-PRESIDENT -SEC. I. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings, both of the association and board of directors, to sign all charters issued to the chartered associations, and all papers bearing the seal of the association, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The president shall have general supervision of the officers of the association and the transaction of its business, the approval of all bills before payment of same by the treasurer, and shall make a yearly report of the progress of the affairs of the association at its annual meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT .-- It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform the duties of the president in the absence of jority of the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY -SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the secretary, under the direction of the president, to prepare and assigned to this congress was well filled during all the sesfaithful account of all monies received, and to turn the same over to the tressurer, taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 2. The secretary shall also perform such other to the association at its annual meeting, containing a full Dr. Edmund Montgomery and Rev. John C. Kimball. Edwin statement of the membership of all chartered associations Hayden, Dr. Duren J. H. Ward, Mrs. Sara A. Underwood. Prof.

Directors shall deem necessary. properly account for the same. He shall pay all bills against Purdon and Harvey C. Alford.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DUTIES -It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to 1894.-Religio-Philosophical Journal. point committees and sgents, and shall have the general This was the situation when the Committee on Organiza- management and control of the business affairs, property, and of the association.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this association shall consist of delegates from Spiritualists' societies chartered by such delegates where no State jurisdiction exists.

SEC. 2. In any State where five or more chartered so cieties exist, State jurisdiction may be established and a State charter issued to said societies who shall thereupon have jurisdiction and shall send delegates to the National Association instead of the subordinate association. The basis of tants of this world for life here and hereafter. representation of such State associations shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof,

Directors of the National Association.

#### ARTICLE VI. Means of Raising Revenue.

and ten dollars (\$10) for State charters.

able and disposed to recognized the importance of building up the cause of Spiritualism by means of this association. 3. All monies received from the above-named sources shall be payable to the Secretary of the National Association.

ARTICLE VII.

inspiration, progress, and power of Spiritualism, and as furnishing evidence of the truth of the same. To insure the best results mediums need greater protection, encouragement, and assistance in the exercise of their gifts, and aid in case of indigence, and to that end there shall be set aside a special fund for such purpose under the supervision of the Board of Dito no other purpose whatsoever.

# ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS. - The annual meeting of this association shall be held in the city of Washington, D. C, on the second Tuesday in October of each year. The president of the National Association shall preside, and the secretary of said association shall be secretary of the meeting. The authorized voters shall be the duly elected delegates from the various chartered associations. At this meeting the regular election of the officers and board of directors for the ensuing year shall take place, and all necessary business be transacted. ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS .- Amendments to the constitution may be made at any annual meetings of this association, provided secretary of the association at least ninety days prior to the move. time of holding such meeting, and it shall be the duty of the secretary to circulate such notices to all chartered societies immediately on receipt of the same. Said amendments shall be adopted by a two thirds vote of the delegates present at all their inconsistencies of creed provides for its worthy wornany annual convention.

# THE CONGRESS OF EVOLUTIONISTS.

The Congress of Evolutionists held last week in the ded through three days-three sessions each day. The hall tard the progress of their souls for centuries. Spencer, was read, after which Edward P. Powell gave an dollars. address on "Constructive Evolution." During the congress TREASURER.—It shall be the duty of the treasurer to re- Psychology as related to Evolution was the subject of addres-

countersigned by the secretary and shall deposit all surplus Holmes, M. D., Mrs. Florence Griswold Buckstaff, and Miss practical work-into sacrifice for others. All are not speakers BOND. The amount of the treasurer's bond shall be fixed Lewis G Janes, C. Staniland Wake, Rev. Jenckin L. Jones and they see only old age, poverty, and suffering in the path. a symposium on this subject in the form of brief papers from speakers, and mediums have forgotten self, care, home, friends port to the association, at its annual meeting, of the full funds Mr. John Fiske, Dr. Edmund Montgomery, Dr. R. W. Shu- and all things selfish, to become the bearer of glad tidings. Many looked with fear and trembling as to what would received, disbursed, and remaining on hand, the statement of feld. Benj. B Kingsbury, F. M. Holland and others. There Now ye whose hearts have been made glad by the good news, disbursements to be accompanied by an exhibit of vouchers was not a note of discord during the entire congress. A good teachings they bring unto you, also make sacrifices and committee was appointed at a special meeting held last Sun- give freely of the means that are in your hands. Let us awake

### PHENOMENAL SPIRITUALISM VERSUS SPIRITUALITY.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

The great question that confronts us as Spiritualists is whither are we tending? 'By their fruits ye shall know them" is an old but ever true saying. In presenting the Lyman C. Howe matter to the public, which I did some three months ago, in a long letter setting forth his worth, charac ter, and ability as a lecturer and writer, also how that a small this association and the basis of representation shall be one sum from the many Spiritualists to whom this appeal was delegate for each one hundred members or major portion made, and who must and did see it. I had two objects in that thereof, and two, or more associations may combine and elect address; one was that he needs this help. This fund suffi cient to raise his debt, give him fully as I said will give him a new lease of life. Every dollar will come back tenfold to hu manity, which are ignorant, suffering, and needing to be put upon a higher plane. To my mind the true object, aim, and purpose of this spirit world is to better prepare the inhabi

Every such true, noble, and chosen instrument that they have been years training, developing, and preparing to do this work, they desire to live and remain in this life as long SEC. 3. No modification of the form of organization, or as possible; knowing full well that each year here, when life manner of conducting business, on the part of existing socie- is fully unfolded is worth a hundred fold in the life beyond. ties and organizations shall be required to qualify them for What belongs to this life never can be as well done anywhere membership in this association, except so far as may be ne. as here. I have no use for any system of ethics, morals, phicessary to select the delegates and otherwise maintain its re- losophy, or religion which does not prepare mankind better lation to this association; but they shall be entitled to a char- to live in this mundane life. The philosophy of Spiritualism word of vague meaning and its purposes uncertain. The ter by making application and paying the fee therefor, and the religion of Spiritualism believed and lived, can and will do this. The phenomena alone, or simply being convinced SEC. 4. The secretaries of all chartered associations that you can not die, is only a scientific fact, a psychical conshall prepare and transmit to the secretary of the National dition that has nothing to do with character, moral, or reli Association an annual report in writing, giving the number in gion. There are certain psychical laws governing humanity members enrolled, and such other information regarding their there are sensitives, mediumistic subjects. When these subrespective associations as may be required by the Board of jects confirm to these laws the results come forth in perfect or imperfect phenomena, in proportion to the perfect or imperfect conformation to said laws.

Man is a religious being; has a religious nature which The Board of Directors of the National Association shall needs culture, careful training, and unfolding, as much, yea, success, provide for the protection of mediums and speakers, be authorized and empowered to raise funds by the following more than his physical and mental. It is a development of 1. By the collection of twenty five cents per capita as an- lifts him out and above the sensuous, carnal, and animal life, not nual dues from all chartered associations, with five dollars that the animal life, the appetites or passions should be ignored (\$5) additional for each subordinate charter issued to them or despised. Forwith reason, conscience, and man's spiritual na E Muchell of Denver, Colo, and Mrs. M. A. Tussey 2. To solicit bequests and donations from those who are the result, yet when the object, purpose, and aims of life is sen- proud of. Mrs. Mitchell is one of the old lecturers in the suous pleasure, the God in him becomes perverted, the moral nature corrupted, the light of reason darkened, and the body, mind, and soul diseased. The hour has come that Spiritualfruits and meat for repentance. If we live in the spirit let MEDIUMS -We recognize mediumship as the source of the us walk in the spirit, because more significant, more taught good in these channels. Not because they like their forms, ceremonies, or creeds, but because with all these you find some spiritual souls reaching heavenward.

A friend writes me from Haslett Park: "Meeting grand side of life. all through, yet the drawing card—the great day is when we rectors, all contributions to which fund shall be appropriated have tests." Now no one appreciates tests or phenomena more than I, yet the tendency is too much that way, at the ex-pense of what should come after each day and hour of our first class, and every test has been acknowledged by the parlives. Paul spoke wisely. He said, "Court earnestly the best gifts, yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Read 13th chapter 1st Coninthians and you will find what that way is. I can work with any organization, under any banner that helps me to that more excellent way-charity.

Now the second object outside of doing justice by Brother Howe; first, because he needs it, second, because he is worthy of it. As Mr. Beggs, of Kansas City, writes : "Put me down for is the most unselfish man I ever knew." Moses Hull writes : "Put me down for five dollars, I have arranged that Brother Howe shall be employed at Washington, Oregon, and Califorthat a notice thereof in writing shall have been filed with the nia Camps next year, he is a worthy man." This is a right

Now, as I was saying, my second object was to try to test the Spiritualists of this country to see if they had gotten away ists of Allegheny City in the G. A. R. Hall on West Diamond from the phenomenal phase. Every Church in the land with out ministers-those who have given their lives to the Church and the cause they represent. No fund, not many homes, no hospitals are provided for our wornout mediums and speakers. Well may we ask as Brother White wrote me : "What ails our Spiritualists; are they going to take their money with them?" that officer, always subject, however, to the approval of a ma- | Memorial Art Palace was a decided success and in every way | No, my friends, they are not, but they are going to take with a most satisfactory series of meetings. The Congress exten them a sordid, avaricious spirit that will bind, fetter, and re-

Up to this time, outside of Brothers White, Beggs, and keep all records and accounts of the association; to attend to sions and crowded during some of them. After the opening myself, which is two hundred and fifty dollars, we have not its correspondence; to keep an official record of all meetings; addrees by B. F. Underwood, the chairman, in which was received two hundred dollars. Cassadaga, near the home of "Social Evolution and Social Duty," contributed by Herbert wife all his life, did nobly, they raised and handed him seventy

Now, my friends and fe.low Spiritualists, I have concluded duties as the president may direct, shall make a yearly report questions in "Biology" were treated by Dr. M. L. Holbrook, to extend the time to finish or close this matter until January 1, 1894, and I hope the editors of this paper will open its columns for receiving the same. Let every subscriber send and [such other items and statements as the Board of T. J. Burrill, and Miss Mary Proctor (daughter of the great the brother his one dollar if no more, his ten dollars if he astronomer) paid tributes to "The Heroes of Evolution." can. When this debt is paid for Brother Howe, let there be an open column all the time for receiving funds that shall go ceive all monies through the hands of the accretary and to ses by B. F. Underwood, Dr. Herman Gasser, Dr. John E. to aid worthy speakers and mediums. Let there be a committee appointed who shall distribute the same judiclously. the association, when duly approved by the president and Sociology was considered by Rev. A. N. Somers, Bayard Let us show that we have a philosophy that extends into beyond our comprehension.

funds in such bank as the directors may designate, and shall Mary A. Dodge ("Gail Hamilton"). "Religion as Affected by all are not mediums; yet all can aid the cause, sustain the give a saitable bond for the safe keeping of all funds of the Evolution" was the subject of papers and addresses by Dr. hands, hearts, and help in this great work. Many mediums association that may come into his hands and the disburse- Charles T. Stockwell, Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch, Rev. Howard and speakers are obliged to forsake the field, forsake the voice MscQueary, E. P. Powell and others. Rev. M. J. Savage, Dr. of God in their soul, the demands of the spirit world because

Many more obey the voices and make sacrifices that the day evening to arrange for another Evolution Congress in to a spirit of benevolence somewhat like the Church. Let us show by our fruits that we have a religion that reaches even ANDREW B. SPINNEY. our pockets.

### Connecticut Law and Mediums.

According to the New Haven (Ct.) Register clairvoyants of that city are in fear of persecution, and are greatly alarmed. It appears that a law was passed at the last session of the legislature providing a penalty of sixty days in the workhouse for beggars, brawlers, fortune tellers, and common drunkards. A circular letter has been sent out by the Society for the Prevention of Crime calling the attention of the mediums to the law relating to fortune-tellers.

Without doubt the members of the above named society are all Christians, and pious to the extent of their ignorance. As such they have a right to bore other people, of course, but it is hard to see how they are going to molest an honest medium. In Connecticut, as in other States, doubtless there is a pestiferous lot of fakirs and humbugs who make fat livings off the credulity of the people, and the law was framed to take care of them. But should a bona fide clairvoyant be assailed under the law his or her constitutional right to exercise whatever gifts he may possess can not be questioned.

A fair test of the law on these grounds would, we think, vindicate and protect the medium, but this does not excuse the persecution of the godly who always take these means to harass and overcome the spiritual movement. Laws governing these matters should be explicit to the last degree and in defining who shall come under their provisions, and great care taken that no persons' rights as citizens be assailed. The only way to obviate this danger is for Spiritualists to watch legislation, and when measures of this nature are proposed see to it that no loop-hole is left open to admit the bugs of God. These being ignorant do not understand what coustitutes a "fortune-teller," and are as liable to fasten their beaks on a tender and refined medium or psychic as on a brawling fakir as ignorant as themselves.

# St. Paul, Minn.

Feeling it to be a duty to the cause of Spiritualism, and also to the investigating public, I will now spend a few moments with you in speaking of the mission meeting that this nature; food and life for this part of his being that alone was commenced, on the first Sanday in September, in our life him out and above the sensions carnal and animal life not city. This meeting is what we have long been feeling the need of to spread the belief of our beautiful religion and science. The leaders of this meeting are Mrs. M. ture controlling them, a legitimate divine use of all his being is of St. Paul. They are both mediums that any city should be cause and she can not be beat in psychometric readings. Mrs. Tussey has been one of the leading magnetic physicians of the city for several years. She was ordained as a minister of our faith two years ago, and will soon be in a position to ists should reach out toward the "spiritual Alps," bring forth give her time to this field of work. These ladies have rented of the spiritual fruits and meat for repentance. If we live in the spirit let odd Fellows' Hall, which is one of the best in the city, situated on the corner of Fifth and Wabasha Street, by which nearly every car line in the city passes. At the door is a very from our rostrums; for the more spiritual minded will seek neat sign, which reads, "Spiritual meetings every Sunday at good in these channels. Not because they like their forms, II a. m. and 7.30 p. m." This sign remains in its place every day of the week, as well as Sunday. They pay all the expenses out of their pockets, and all they ask is for the people to come and here the beautiful thought that is given from the spirit

We are pleased to say that so far the hall has been very well filled. Yes, we may say large numbers have turned out to these meetings each Sunday, and they have never gone ties receiving them rising to their feet and explaining them to the audience. We never saw two mediums that kept their audience in better order, and the people that attend express great interest toward the leaders. We hope that Mrs. Mitchell will stay with us all winter, as we shall miss these meetings when she leaves. She holds a circle every Friday night at 51 West Exchange Street, to which she invites every body to come and hear from their loved ones.

These ladies will hold meetings out of the city through the week, if the distance is not too far. Any one wishing to fifty dollars; I have known Lyman C. Howe for many years; he engage them can do so by addressing to 624 Wabasha Street. I will give you now and in the future will inform you farther of their success. Yours truly, E. L LARPENTEUR.

# Allegheny City, Pa.

The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette of the 2d inst. says: Up ward of three hundred people attended the inauguration and dedication of the church of the First Association of Spiritual-Street yesterday afternoon. The exercises consisted in addresses made by Rev. Mr. Andrews, the Universalist, Dr. Prettiman; Mrs. Demorest, the clairvoyant; Mr. Knight of Indianapolis and President Bell of the new association.

Secretary A. H. Rodkey read the declaration of the association's principles, which were in substance as follows: First-A beneficent power and intelligence pervades and controls the universe as a parent, whose revelation is nature; interpreter, science; and whose acceptable worship is doing good to all. Second-All truth is sacred and its authority absolutely according to the individual's apprehension thereof. Third-All action results in suffering or joy. Fourth-All human beings are destined to a continued existence in a future State, for which this life is a preparation; divine inspiration, angelic ministrations and spiritual gifts being ever available as aids therein. Fifth-Realized communion with those who have gone before is practicable under suitable conto be the custodian of the seal of the association; to keep a sketched the progress of evolutionary thought, a paper on Brother Howe, personal friends that have known him and his ditions and a priviledge of high value to those using it wisely sixth—The human race is one family with inseparable interests, and each must live for the good of all, seeking especially to aid the unfortunate ignorant, inharmonions and suffering of whatever race or conditions. Seventh-Achievement of true lives and a noble civilization can be better attained by co operation than individual action, and we therefore, agree to unite our efforts for the practical application

of these convictions. The center of the platform was profusely decorated with flowers and the stars and stripes were draped over the window behind the chair which Rev. Andrews occupied.

Many things in spirit communion that seem incongruous or like mockery to us, sre but misunderstood facts, or truths

THE WORD OF GOD.

WALTER HOWELL

Every civilized nation has its sacred books. All advanced people have had their avers and secresses, prophets and imspired teachers. The books are not equally good; the prophets were not all accurate fortellers of coming events and the seems did not perceive with equal clearness the hidden mysteries of nature. Therefore, we must recognize different degrees of revelation, varied qualities of inspiration, and greater or less vividness of spiritnal vision.

Revelation is unveilation. Inspiration is an influx from the inner world-s dilation of the spiritual lungs with an atmosphere of heaven. The best test of inspiration is in the degree that it inspires; and of revelation that it reveals. A truth may be made plain to St. John, but may be far from being grasped by a modern James. The mystical symbolism of an Earkiel may maveil wonderful arcans to the initiate, but appear perfect nonsense to the novitists. It is only those who stand upon the mountain top that are kissed by the first rays of the murning sun, or catch the first glimpses of a promised land. Those only whose moral natures have been highly evolved can even hear the thundering from a Sinai of the "Thou shall not," and only he whose altruistic spirit has conjured his egotiam will ascend to a Culvary's summit. It is readily seen then, that it is the moral man to whom ethics is revealed, it is the altruistic man to whom is given the heroism of self-sacrifice, it is to the truth-seeking soul the revelations of truth are made, and the spirit of the poet makes the inspiration of poesy possible.

No Church, no age, no nation or people have a corner on "the word of God." Wheresoever and whensoever there are eyes that can see, or ears to hear, or minds to think, or spiritual lungs to inbresth the airs of heaven, there and then are revelations of the most high to be received and inspirations of the spirit to be enjoyed.

Are not the Vodas, the Zend Avesta, the Shasta, and the Koran sacred to those among whom it is cherished as the word of Allah, Ormez I, Brahms? These names thrill the souls of men with awe and love; these books are adapted to thousands of our feilow creatures; and though the book we have been tanght to hold sacred may prove on the whole a less objectionable collection of MSS shall we not allow their suitableness to the primitive mind? And may we not do well to examine all the sacred writings and select from them the gems of thought they contain? And may it not be well before criticizing unsympathetically the sacred books of so called heather nations, to eliminate from our own Bible such partions as do not minister to high morality, or aid in the evolvement of the religious sentiment?

It has been suggested that there should be a compilation of the best and purest thought of all ages, and it has been in part attempted; but "the word of God can never be com pressed within the lids of one volume, or a library of books; we as finite creatures may be receiving revelations through all eternity and yet shall not have comprehended the infinite, or received the whole of "the word of God." Let us not limit the scope of God's revealing power, or imagine the inspirations of any epoch a finality. God hath a new revelation every morning and fresh inspirations every evening for living souls that trust, work, and expect a baptism from on high.

No one not enslared in the dogmas of orthodoxy can turn the pages of the old or new testament without discerning degrees of inspiration. Isaish is obviously more highly inspired than the author of that charming love story, called the book of Ruth. Are not the Paalma of David more exalting than the Songs of Solomon? And do we not instinctively feel the words of the Sermon on the Mount to be of greater value and more spiritual than any of the epistles? A moment's reflection will suffice to decide such an apparent truth. Yet we would not on this account exclude these writings, for they are plessant reading, and are a relief from the weightier matter of the bible.

As I write, the pictures of the old and new testaments pass before me, and one sees many a familiar face and scene. The allegorical Gurden of Ellen with its innocent occupants; and the expulsion from paradise with the care worn faces and dowacast eyes of those who come forth to face a cold and guilty world. Then the mythical flood with its ark of safety finating upon the waters, and the ultimate landing of that motly crew upon Acarat. How we hear the call of Abraham and see pictures of nomadic life. Presently the angels walk among the shadows of earth to warn of coming disaster; and then the cataclysm of Solom and Gomorrah. We now follow the Israelites in their wanderings; we hear their sighs, we behold the falling tear, we rejoice with them in their triumphs and sorrow with them in bondage. How interesting was the story of Joseph to all of us in our childhood. In the days of our youth we loved to wander in the fields with the beautiful Ruth, and the spirit of romance descends upon us. In the presence of Jeremiah we become somewhat pessimistic, and while listening to the poesy of Isaiah we are opti mists. Waile the scenes of the battle field pass before us, we feel heroic and are transformed into a giant-killing David, or a bold heaven commanding Joshua. And being a Spiritualist, one can not help wishing to handle the form of Abraham's visiting angels to see if they are real materializations. With interest we peep into the seance of the woman of Endor With surprise we gaze at the materialized hand upon the wall at B-lchazzer's palace. With a feeling of almost incredulity we imagine the three Hebrew children walking in the fiery furnace. With wonder we see the calm figure of Diniel stand in the den of lions and is unharmed.

account is painted in colors of superstitious fancy, our love of we listen to him and say, "never man spoke like this man." We follow him through life's pilgrimage and hear his gentle words or burning denunciation of wrongs and shams. We tenderness. We are carious to learn by what occult power he chemist, the universe is one huge laboratory. To the astron heals the sick, and by what magic he calls the seemingly dead to life. A mazed we watch the procession pass through the streets of Jerusalem on its way to Calvary, and with hands across our brests and bowed head and tear-bedimmed eyes we witness his martyrdom; and leave the mount with a heavy of the gothic style. The poet and musician hear in the voices is finished."

lowers of the master: Their lord liveth.

The persecutions of the faithful few begin, the comforter comes, and we receive letters from Paul, James, Jude, John, and the saint? If we can, then earth, sky, and sea will be and the rest telling us how they fare in their distant homes, our word of God. "The mountains and the hills shall break and when the Satraps wanted to crush out the liberties of the nothing. But sitting for phenomena magnetizes it for the or missionary travels. Then comes the weired panorama of forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap the Apocalypse; which only the mystic can interpret.

In the allegory of Genesis we behold the soul's pre exisindeed innocent. We catch a glimps of the soul in its descent and lighted forever by infinite wisdom. in persuit of external knowledge, plucking the forbidden fruit, Nature impresses us with the idea of an indwelling pre matter; and later on, when in childhood we partake of the sence; but man with his moral nature and capacity for un- ging along on foot -- Great West.

from the paradise of the spirit.

serving in an ark of safety the soul of truths which lies within all errors.

We have all been in Egyptian darkness. All have wandered in the wilderness of sin. Most have heard the voice which thunders from the Sizai of moral perception, saying, Thou shalt not" Only a few have as yet entered 'The promised land." There are those whose hearts are circumcised. in the manger of some unselfish soul the Christ is born. Others walk with the tempter in the wilderness of prayer and fasting. Favored deciples may perchance stand upon the Mount of Transaguration for a few ecutatic moments. Then we pass through our Gethsemane of tears and broken hearted humanity. How near to glory is the Calvary whereon the soul commends itself to God and rends the weil of the temple of us seek and find in these the scripture for which we yearn. firsh in twain. Up from the sepulcher of ignorance, up from the grave of fol'y, beyond the clouds of earthborn delusions, far from the atmosphere of carnal desires the emancipated spirit ascends; and in the halls of the immortal world the soul proclaims its redemption. Now it knows the meaning divine ideal? I have enjoyed passages from George McDonald, of the mythical fall and spiritual reconciliation. Now, the letter of the ancient word is infilled with a new significance. my mind worthy a place in the great Bible of the world. In the light of the spirit, all bibles become sacred as they are seen to contain ethical and spiritual truths which guide the weary feet of humanity to a haven of eternal rest.

knowledge that "The word of God" may be found in the voice of the master poet? These souls were the strings of petals of the flowers, on the stony pages of the rock, written that heavenly lyre upon which invisible fingers played. Why upon the leaves of the trees, heard to whisper in the breize, should not the Shak-pearian drams and the Book of Job bear with her, and rested on me. "You sit with me," she said, to roar in the thunderstorm, marmar in the brook, speak in the each other company? Why should Isaiah stand aloof from voice of the deep as its wa ers roll in upon the beach, and in Homer, Dante, and a host of kindred spirits? Swedenborg the still small voice of conscience which utters the condemns | tells us that the language of the celestial sphere is lyrical. If tion or commendation of those unities of the heart which long experience has established within us. Let us listen, and God shall speak. Let us watch, and God will reveal.

How wonderful are the works of nature. What revelations of the most high the man of science, the artist, the philosopher, and the saint may receive while studying her sacred prg:s. All nature speaks to him who will listen; and declares her secrets to him who understands.

To the mineralogist what a georgeous display of glittering gems are revealed. On entering some dark cavern with torch in hand, all una ware perhaps, a veritable prince's palace of precious stones is descovered. In another place a mine of untold wealth is disclosed. Marble halls, galleries of sculpture, and streets paved with real gold reward his diligent researches. The crystal palaces, the underground museum, the silver pathway he treads wherein is no thorn, and granite temples where alters more costly than the shrine of "the cloud-capped cathedrals of our land; introduce him to a fairvland whose foundation is as lasting as the hills. Surely here may be found some hieroglyphs of the great God.

The geologist discerns footprints upon the rocky floor and knows thereby the pathway which ancient forms of life have trod. He speaks "to the earth and it declareth unto him." To him, "there are sermons in stones." He sees leverywhere the handwriting of him who saith, "behold I make all things new." From the igneous rock up to the alluvial strats he ascends and reads each chapter in the world's book of remembrance, "the way in which the lord hath led us." He visits the battlefield of the elements, the seat of war where once upon a time great beasts fought the bloodiest battles the world has ever seen. Here he finds traces of the God of war that fills him with horror. The face of nature so smiling, hides within her bosom the dead of ages. The Egyptian book of the dead is nothing to this one What a charnal-house this world is. In these halls of silence God speaks most eloquently to him that can listen to the voiceless deity. While we here behold the sepulchre of the past, do we not also perceive the roots of the tree of life, which are ever nourished by the remains of the dead. The haunts of the fire fiend, the abode of the water nymphs are known, and the spirit of earth declares its dwelling place to him. Here the geologist may study the ancient word.

The astronomer may read the fiery scriptures of the sky, and worship in a temple domed with a million suns. Well may the great Kepler exclaim, "O God, I think thy thoughts after thee." All the hosts of heaven sing, "great and wondrous are thy works." "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." In contemplating the starry heavens the greatness and majesty of that power which underlies all phenomena is brought to mind, and its incomprehensibleness instinctively felt.

The microscopist too, is brought to realize the infinitely , worlds with until one is led to ask, where does life end or begin? does it extend infinitely? The microscopist and biologist peruse the book of life, and wondrous are the revelations they read. Sarely upon cell, wall or tissue, some word is written. And along the telegraph wire of delicate nerves the intelligence of the mighty one is transmitted.

The botanist more than any other should know that "there are tongues in trees." Every leaf of the tree, every blade of grass has a message for us if we can but interpret it.

I have wept on hearing a bird sing because I could not understand its language. We are such strangers in our father's house. We wander all over the globe to see the sights, and we have not seen understandingly the flowers in our own garden. How much of life we lose. We speak of seventy or eighty years as being a long life; and yet there On reaching the new testament era we are delighted with are people who live more in ten years than others in four the angelic guardianship of the child Jesus, and even if the score. When we judge the length of our days by what we know, or have done, or loved, we shall have different stanthe poetic pardons the introduction of the legendary. When dards than years and months and weeks. We shall measure the man Jesus stands before us as teacher, with bated breath by aspiritual yard stick which knows nothing of inches. And by a dial whose figures are indicators of heavenly hours, which cares naught for days or centuries.

It depends so much upon our State of mind and heart as see him weep by the grave of his friend and love him for his to what the great world without us shall impart. To the omer, the world is his observatory. The botsnist finds his garden. The naturalist discovers a zoological collection. The artist sees the world as an art gallery, a sculpture chamber; while the architect discovers in the forest suggestions heart and saddened spirit. For we have heard the words, "it of nature their song. And the saint-like soul sees in every flower a censer and detects in its perfume the insense for his Wast is this strange story we hear on every hand? He is God. Every land is to him "a holy land," every day is sacred risen, he is risen. A new enthusiasm seizes the humble fol- to his heart, every home is a temple, and each hearthstone an altar to the living Gol.

> Can we not develope within us the scientist, the artist, their hands," in our presence. And instead of one bush, burning unconsumed with fire, as in the presence of Moses;

OUR CONTRIBUTORS. "fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil" through the limited progress is a still more marvelous manifestation acquirement of, and perversion of knowledge, we soon find of the supreme. Through this oracle of the eternal God we ourselves outside the garden of our infant innocence and far receive a higher message. Nature mercilessly destroys her children, but man shields and protects his. Nature appears Ever and anon the heavens are opened and the water to know of no forgiveness, she itficts the lash without a which proceeds from the throne of God, finds its way into the tear of sympathy for the sufferer, but man learns the quality valleys of time: and is, there is a deluge of spiritual thought of love and mercy, justice and charity, and in this is most which destroys the errors of the preceding ages, while pre- like unto God. What sayeth the Most High through man? He speaks of the true, the beautiful, and the good. Through man God creates the world anew. ('ader the guidance of man, new fruits and flowers appear; variations in birds and beasts come forth; man calleth unto the lightnings and they obey his mandate; he quarries stone and buildeth habitations for himself and temples for his God. From the block of marble he evokes the queenly form or heroic statue. Upon the canvass he portraits the ideal world he sees in visions of the night. Upon the printed page he stamps the symbols of his thoughts and sentiments. And on the scroll of time he writes the histories of mighty nations wherein we behold the laws of that power which makes righteonaness. Shall we not again in the works of man behold the word of God. Let If God is every where, he is in nature, in man, in history, and in all the nobler works of genius.

I think it is Mr. Frothingham who suggests the word of God in romance. Why should not fiction inspire us with a George Elliott, Charles Dickens, and others who seemed to

Literature is pregnant with divine inspiration. We habitually call our poets inspired. Shakespeare, Shelly, Cowper, Milion, Dryden, are all acknowledged inspired. Can we not and placed upon our little seasce-table, which was always But simultaneously with this consciousness comes the hear distinctly in the sweetests portions of their songs the standing in the middle of the room, ready for action. poesy?

> Music and poetry were once inseperable in days of yore. Can we not realize the gospel of music? Whence came the slate, when she released her hold on the same, and said: entrancing harmonies of a Mczart, a Handel, a Mendelsohn, a Wagner, and the like? Whether through such variations as the evolutionist suggests, or whether it be the gift of the upon which two gas jets were throwing their light from overupper people, we care not, in either case it is God who sings. No matter how the organ was built, it is the master's hand three lines, one signed by an Indian name, and stating that which fingers the keys. I have listened to the "Oratorio" and have felt my soul stirred more than any sermon could stir it. sent up a more sincere prayer to heaven than had escaped me | me) was holding the slate by himself. while sitting in some fashionable Church. Music is the language of the emotions, and expresses their aspirations better than the most flowery rhetoric. In our word of God we will have "the gospel according to music." This is not a canonized gospel of the Churches, but it is the real gospel of the Catholic and Ritualistic Church; it is to listen to this that people attend such places as a rule. The priesthood know the power of music and art.

Shall not the art gallery be a volume of the word of God? What are books but symbols of thought and emotion? What are works of art, whether painting or sculpture, but thought and emotion expressed in a different form? Art in the form of painting, sculpture, and writing were all united in primitive days, why should there be so much difference to-day between the printed page called sacred and the painted canvass upon which divine ideals are shadowed forth? Can not God speak through a block of marble when the genius of man has fashioned it, or the canvass when the artist has painted sublime thought thereon, as well as through paper and ink in the form of a book? I am not undervaluing the book, I only wish to extend man's views and aid him to see revelations of God where he before thought they perhaps were not. And in the manifestations of Modern Spiritualism may we not hear the voice of God through our loved ones who have gone before? Shall we not rejoice in the revelation of life immortal, demonstrated by heir objective or subjective presence? When the great Bible of the world is completed these manifestation and revealments of the spirit shall form a part of the great whole. Ancient records, nature's revealing, the best in art, poesy, literature, music, orations, noble deeds, and lives of self-sacrifice shall be parts of the word of

# Spiritualism-Its Claims, Defence, and References.

Spiritualism is a philosophy based upon certain phenome na occurring in the presence of sensitives or mediums. These phenomena have an intelligent bearing. Nine-tenths of the investigators thereof have accepted the theory of spirits as the cause, many scientists of note being among the number Believers in this phenomena have banded themselves together as a religious body, calling themselves Spiritualists-a right guaranteed to them by the United States' Constitution-Art. L of the Amendments )

As such they demand protection from religious persecution as has been manifested of late by newspapers, Church pastors, and Materialists. They ask nobody to become members of their cult. They only want converts who have become convinced by thorough and satisfactory investigation. Thus they interfere with no one's belief or faith, and want nobody to interfere with theirs. Because one medium has proven a fraud does no more prove all of them frauds than does one fallen minister of the gospel prove all ministers to be worthless. Nor does one fallen medium make of Spiritualism an abomination any more than would ten fallen preschers or priests make of Christianity an abomination. The individual does not represent the whole body religious of any cult, and those who endeavor to make it fit into this case are not reasoning in accord with justice or good

Those who can not take our word for it that Spiritualism is what is claimed for it, we respectfully refer to the follow ing prominent scientists, whose testimory stands recorded in its favor : Professors Elliott Coues, F. H. W. Meyers, Sidgwick, Oliver Lodge, F. Podmore, C. Richet, Wm. Crookes, A. R. Wallace, F. Varley, Corney, W. F. Barrett, de Morgan, A. Alexander, E. D. Cope, R. D. Owen, R. Hare, J. R. Buchanan, all done while holding the slate myself, and above board un-C. Flammarion, Weber, Fichte, Fechner, and Zoellner. Also Rev. M. J. Savage, Rev. R. Heber Newton, Rabbi Solomon Schindler, Judge A. H. Dailey, Judge Elmunds, Dr. M. L. Holbrook, B. F. Underwood, Florence Marryatt, W. T. Stead, their immortality through other mediums. The phenomenon Hester M. Poole, Abby Judson, Sara A. Underwood, Wm. Denton, Hudson Tuttle, and Epes Sargent.

parades!-a very great interest. Rome was a republic once- pecially devoted to spiritual manifestations, even if you get

phenomens-during which time I had had abscirte proofs of phenomens the truth of clairvoyance, automatic writing, materialization direct writing on paper, tabble-tipping with and without contact, spirit reppings, and inspiration—that I got a satisfactory sitting for alste-writing or with a state-writing medium. It was at my own home, the medium having been invited as a guest to spend the evening in company with two other pairmy father and step-mother, and a prominent banker and wife. the latter being interested but not fully convinced. The others present were myself and wife and our two bors.

The medium was not told that she would be called upon to give a sitting; but it was prearranged to lead the conversa tion in the direction of spiritual phenomena so as to bring the medium into proper conditions for the test-we knowing that a sudden onslanght to sit would make the seance a fail. are, as spirits have a will of their own too, and require the same courtesy extended them to favor us as mortals do. In fact, the point to reach was to have the medium express a willingness or desire on her own part to hold a seance, for this would indicate that the spirits would favor us-such be ing the secret of "conditions."

The subject was on. We were naturally in a circle aiready for our seance-room-with which every Spiritualist family should be provided-was small. After about an hour's pleas aut conversation, the medium remarked that she thought conditions were "just right for a seance;" did we not have a slate in the house? Of course, we had one. I had purchased a small double slate for that purpose. It was readily produced.

the slate, looked around the room to select some one to six which I responded with heartfelt pleasure.

me to take hold of one end of the same. In a few mirries drawing it rapidly across the slate for the purpose of making lines. When this ceased three raps were made on or in the

I, having the slate now, drew it forth, held it over the table. head, and opened it. On each side was a message of two or conditions were so exceedingly favorable that the medi-

This was good news to all, the rest doubting that it could be done, as the handling of the slate by the medium left a modicum of skepticism in their minds.

The messages were read and the slate passed around for inspection. Then the messages were erased by me, and the slate again passed around for inspection to see that no trace of writing was on it. I then closed the slate, held it under the table single-handed, and in the same short space the writing began, closing by three raps. Drawing forth the siste as before, it contained another message, saying I could hold the slate over, not under the table, as it would take the suspicion

After the former preliminary I held the slate over the table in sight of the entire circle. Quietnde reigned supreme, as all were eagerly listening for the scratching sound of the pencil inside of the slate. It came as before, followed by three raps. 'Upon opening the slate-all eyes watching me-I held it aloof and handed it to the banker. He shook his head in wonderment, saying, "That is a miracle, indeed."

This message, like the others, was erased, and the slate returned to me. But before I could be fairly seated, the writing began this time; and I had hardly taken my seat when the raps took place. I immediately arose, so as to face the whole circle while opening the slates. Another message as before, but all signed by persons unknown to any of my familyonly one being acknowledged by the banker.

When this message was reviewed and commented on, it was erased and the slate handed to me. But this time I remained standing. No sooner, however, had I the slate laid on the palm of my hand and held it aloof, than the writing began. This was continued for an hour; over a dozen messages having been received, read, and erased during that interval; no message taking over two or three minutes to be written, except the first, which took perhaps six or seven

The closing message took longer than usual, though we did not know at the time that it was the close. But a "squirk squirk, squirk" was heard following the ordinary sound made by writing that all listened in surprise. "What can it mean" I suggested that they were

"This is all for this evening-Now pass around the Lat." Signed by what looked to me like two fcx tails, and I said so. "Let me see," exclaimed the medium, jamping up and approsching the table. The moment she caught sight of it, she said with a laugh: "Oh, that is my guide-White Feather!" We then saw that the illustration was meant to represent two

But the medium blushed when she read the message, saying: "Oh, White Feather, how could you write such a thing?"

She manifested an embarrassment that was perceptible, as it was not a professional sitting she was giving, but only one for social entertainment. It proved, however, that even as a mental or psychological trick-if such were possible-the medium had nothing to do with it. It was strictly a spiritual phenomenor - spiritual because it was a manifestation of intelligence. But it may have been a trick of the spirits, which trick, however, has not yet been imitated by man, nor ever can

It was a pleasant entertainment, and a profitable one, in that it proved to the entire party present that slate writing can be done by spirits under proper or harmonious conditions. The skepticism of the banker and his wife was offset by the faith of the others, who were all believers in spirtual phenomena, but, like myself, had never had any experi-

We were now convinced, I especially, as the writing was der the full glare of the light. What better proofs did I need of the phenomenon per se? I got no tests of family spirits, but I did not need them, having had sufficient evidence of was clearly proven by the medium's spirits or her band-so much so that they could write without her immediate assistance in holding the slates. Others can get just such proof reception of other mediums, and furnishes them with good you get nothing, simply. You might as well try to send a of electricity—the law that governs it.

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minutes to get the phenomenon started.

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ence in the slate writing phase, We take great interest in these labor-holidays and labor if they but prepare themselves a little. Have a room es-

people-and enslave the toilers, they got up parades, and banquets, and labor-holidays, and games-builded arches-and conditions when they come. Conditions to a spiritual circle sent bands of music around to captivate the silly fools while is what law is to the solar system; and if you will not furnish tent paradise, our own eden of earthly infancy wherein we are all the universe shall be ablaze with the fire of infinite love, they purchased the cunning leaders. Yes, the parade was in- or establish the law that makes the manifestations possible. teresting. It was interesting to see the political swash-buck lers at the front, in carriages, and the political imbeciles tag. telegram over the wires without a battery or the application

The medium drew near to the table, placed her hand on

At first she placed the slate under the table, requesting so, then why should we not look for the word of God in we heard the scraping noise that a slate pencil would make in

um could withdraw from the table, take her seat in the circle, I have heard the melody of the wind and sea, and my heart and that they would write while the "chairman" (referring, to

from the "chairman" of being an accomplice of the medium.

it rapped. Upon opening the slate the message read:

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We have a number of medium employed for this department who sit at stated seasons for spirit messages specially in ended for our readers and taken down by an amanueusts. In justice to the spirits, the mediums, and the cause we would be pleased to have these messages verified by those recognizing anything familiar in them. Questions to be answered should be germane to Spiritualism; must contain one inquiry only; be impersonal, and have the name of the questioner attached. Information under these circumstances cheerfully given.

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### REPORT OF SEANCE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

QUES .- [F. C] There is a conspiracy of bankers and fund holders in all Christian countries to impoverish the toilers and control all wealth. In addition they almost have control of all the law-making bodies, executive offices, and courts. What is the outlook from a spiritual point of view, phases in one person, but they play upon them all until, by and why is this spirit of greed most pronounced in Christian countries?

Ans .- To say there is a conspiracy to impoverish toilers and control the wealth of the world would be to imply some underhanded or selfish action on their part as a whole considered. There may be individuals among them who are unscrupulous enough to hope for such a state of affairs, but the majority are keen sighted enough to know that such a conspiracy would be their own death-knell-that it would make wealth valueless. It is true they are not working for nothing. Business principles demands profits. That the field of operation is on Christian ground is due to the advanced civilization over other nations. Banking is a natural link in the chain of commerce-a necessary evil in some respects, but made so by lax laws governing it. The people could control all this if they had gumption to break away from party lines. But their own partizan prejudices hold them in mental slavery. The majority vote to spite the opposition rather than to benefit themselves. Prejudice makes weak in spirit and is thus readily psychologized by partizan vigor and campaign harangue. Such have only themselves to blame. Partizan spirits are no better, and suffer the effects of defeat and bad government with their mortal friends. Higher spirits are endeavoring to bring about better results by impressing whom they can reach with the necessary vim and wisdom to act. But too much inspiration sometimes acts as a firebrand, and leads to revolution—especially when taken up by partizan spirits with the same partizan vigor that formerly held them in spiritual bondage. It is but a transference of their prejudices or affections from one object to another. Neither is wise. An equilibrium is needed for harmony. Love produces it, not hate or selfishnessnor hate against selfishness. Both are punishable by law; and when justice is dethroned by partizan feelings, there is revolution. Let reason or love govern, and the spirit world opens to the aid and influence of the abetters of this. Bankers in general are but enterprising business men, using their talents as they are adaptable. Coal-combines and producespeculators are more to be condemned than the average banker. Stock speculators, who labor for wealth only, and use every available means to harrass the poor are the demons of society. These, with millionaires, who have earned their wealth by the sweat of the poor man's brow, are the agents of all the evils in the world—the suffering and poverty. They represent the kings of the past, and will invoke similar results if the people do not legislate to their own benefit, and not to that of party politics. It is this which makes it possible for money to rule. Corruption in office is an effect of drawing party lines too tight. Dishonesty for party is regarded by some as no more sinful than to lie for Jesus or rob for the Church by the bigoted or superstitious religious devotee. There is as much bigotry in politics as there is in religion, and both have to be purified by suffering and imposition until experience teaches wisdom.

QUES -[S. E. J., Montecito, Cal] On one occasion I positively sensed a calamity coming to me. In my distress I prayed earnestly, and the impression came "Whatsoever ye ask in faith it shall be done." Now, I would ask which was the true impression, and in what relation do these words apply to the unalterable decrees of fate?

ANS -We will begin to answer this at the close by saying there is no unalterable decrees of fate in the minor effairs of life, especially that of human destiny. There is a general outcome, growing out of universal law, but as well as you can stunt growth-either physically or morally-by certain tendencies, you can hasten both by the opposite. It is true man has certain lines to follow, but these are due to his in heritances-his inherent characteristics. If he does nothing to overcome those which he knows, by reason and moral teachings to be wrong, his fate will be unalterable. He is governed by natural law in accordance with his inborn faculties and tendencies, or inclinations, whether good or bad If bad he endeavors to improve, and the law acts for another "decree." So if one senses a calamity coming, it may be averted if there is something in one's nature to change the condition or cause upon him. Fright sometimes does it. But those who are too impervious to spiritual warning-being too worldly or sensual, selfish, or malicious-do not sense the calamity coming, and get the full benefit of it. Spiritual minded people are warned, both by feeling the pressure of the law for the coming effect, and by spirit friends, and can govern themselves accordingly. Fright, we say, is often enough to change the condition temporarily for the law to take a different course or effect on one's being. But how can one be frightened who can not even sense the coming calamity? So, fear causes a removal sometimes to avert danger. It drives many to prayer. Prayer with faith in the heart that one can be helped, attracts sympathetic spirits, because true faith is love; and love is higher than the law's influence on man's characteristics. Love laughs at law, it may be said, because it makes you temporarily positive to its "decree." If you can not summon faith enough to bring the higher forces of the soul-which are made up of love or sympathy-undertake some benevolent action, and thereby get out of the "decree's" way for a while, or until the storm is passed overwhich you will sense as a relief, as you first sensed it spproaching. By love actions you can always defy the minor points of the law's decree on your mortal life. For if this was "nuslterable," what would be the use of preaching or practicing morality? It is to relieve humanity from suffering as decreed by inheritance, that Spiritualism has been vouchsafed by the spirit world. It is a law of love that has come to modify that of hate or selfishness, with which the is world filled. S, benefit by it as much as you can.

QUES -[D D. S., Lynn, Mass] While gazing at a life size crayon it often fudes away and other faces appear instead In what will this result?

ANS .- That depends. If it is an effect of a distorted imagination it may result in insanity or madness, especially if accompanied by a bad conscience or the remembrance of a as you will not hear from him on this side. Your brother secret crime. Imagination is the chiseling out of thoughts Charles sends you his love and says that Reuben will settle into forms analogous to those of the material. Theorizing affair to your entire satisfaction. Nancy, I want you to take is a form of law making in accordance with the understanding of the individual, which, too, is subject to perversion, according to lack of being able to reason logically or practi- rather queer to you, does it not, but still I want this message find a communication signed Ida Jones, which is correct in in gold, showing aspect of planets at birth of the author. cally. But insiplent clairvoyance is not imagination. It is a to be read, and I want you to ponder over what I say, and penetration of the material veil and the gradual opening of take the advice of your mother, as you did when she lived control. All she stated in the communication is correct. the spiritual sight to things beyond the earthly. Fixing the with you on the earth plane. I am from Prescott, Hampshire Many loving thanks to the medium; for the message brought and spiritual world in which spirits live and have intercourse eyes on a crayon of a living person, whether in this or spirit Co, Mass.

Spirit Message Department life, aids the sensitive; especially if the portrait is of one who is or was sensitive himself. In fact, the portraits of all spiritual-minded people are aids to the development of mediumship of the sensitive order-clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, or psychometry, and the diagnosing of diseases but I am glad that I am free from my body, although the by sympathetic rapport; i. e., feeling the parts affected sym pathetically. Such exercise as above will result in becoming a medium sooner or later. You may begin to test it by de out of my life in the State of Iowa. I send greetings to my scribing the faces seen in the presence of others, and if they to friends in the mortal.

QUES .- [M A. Z , Tecumseh, Mich ] How should medium ship be developed by one who feels and sees things dimly

Ans .- By practicing or exercising that which you have already. Feeling and seeing indicates that you will be both thoughts through the columns of your paper. I knew nothpsychometric and clairvoyant, though the spirits may drop ing of this glorious and grand truth when in the body, alone entirely in favor of the other. Often they find several though I can look back and remember the beautiful visions I experience, they find the one least exhausting to their charge, not describe the beauties of spirit life, for it is like a fairyand then develop that one only, leaving the rest to nature, or land, filled with flowers and music, and I am so happy to suppress them entirely if they find it necessary to the best results in the other. Sit quietly in your chamber when your have been broken, and I can soar into the realms of love and mind is free from care, give up your heart to a higher influ-beauty, hoping this will reach those I used to know long ago ence and trust to your guardian spirit or guide, whom you I will conclude by saying my name is Mary Studiey, of Windwill know in due time. Attend spiritual circles when you sor, Me. have an opportunity. This will help you to develop and learn something of Spiritualism at the same time.

QUES .- [Mrs. A. A. W.] How can I sit for independent slate writing?

ANS .- Sit as you would for any other phase of mediumship, only that you take a double slate into your seance, follow inclinations how to hold or where to lay it, and have patience. You may be impressed to sit alone in your room with the slates in your lap; or you may feel an inclination to lay them on a table before you, or hold them under the table with a cover over your arm to exclude the light; or you may feel a desire to sit with a good friend or relative. Whatever comes to you unbidden, and with some sort of contentment in the thought, follow out. If nothing comes and no particular desire for continued sitting manifests itself, it indicates that you are no medium for this phenomenon, and simply had a passing wish, which may have been father to the thought. But you may have some phase akin to it. Try automatic writing. Never give up, however, as long as you feel that you will get something.

QUES .- [M. M. K] Why is a newly developed medium after receiving pure and truthful messages, left to the mercy of lying and deceitful influences. What can she do to get rid of the latter?

ANS .- This is an old story, but will ever remain new, we suppose. No human being is born perfect or without some inherited animalism or discord. Mediums are no exception to the rule. You can not always judge people by the exterior actions. Many are led by spirits to do right and be just. which they would not be if left uncontroled. But being me diumistic they are readily influenced, and need but the desire or have the aspiration to be good, to attract good and pure spirits. But all this does not make them good in fact. It is Mass. but relative or conditional. When one becomes a medium intended for public work, he or she has to be made absolutely good; i. e., above temptation, and positive to evil, with the underlying aspirations made self-acting. To need inspiration or bracing up to do the benevolent act is not absolute or self-acting love or sympathy, but only relative sympathy, and would not act if left to the will of the possessor alone, So the mental forces are often but relatively active, or in the humor to think, write, or speak. They need inspiring by a spirit guide or control. Like self-acting sympathy, the mind be comes absolutely intuitional or inspirational, but at the sacrifice of the sensual pleasures only. During a highly sober state, with none of the senses gratified beyond bare necessity, you may obtain a taste of this natural or self-acting inspiration by simply thinking of any desired subject or person, and then write what comes. You will find that much of it is truth. As you reach the condition of perfection where you can place yourself into this mental illumination without any special preparation, it will be all truth that you get in that way. Now, a newly developed medium is left at the mercy of undeveloped spirits to externalize his or her character, and show up the weaknesses that need special attention. The virtues will take care of themselves, and are the protection against absolute injury by these undeveloped spirits. The virtues attracted the higher spirits to give truthful messages. The weaknesses have reverse effect. But by overcoming the temptations which these undeveloped spirits subject mediums to, they become strong, and are made perfect for spiritual work. Furthermore, as like attracts like, they are brought face to face with their inherited evils, and those that have been kept in abeyance for years by higher spirit friends, and made to pass for virtues. There is no better school for young mediums to pass through than that given them the first few years of their development. The clouds may seem dark at times, but with faith and hope for a betterment, a biighter day will dawn, and none will regret having been through the spiritual caldron.

### SPIRIT MESSAGES. Henry W. Spencer.

To my sister, Alabama, I send greeting. We are all together, four in number, to-day and wish you to know that we try to impress you and try to inspire you. Do not think that great beyond, and see the beauties and glories of a higher life all is false that comes from the spirit side of life, for if there as I see it and did see them long before I passed out. I want had never been spirit communion, there would never have this to reach Jennie and Eben Cobb, and I want to say God been a Church of any kind founded, for man would not have been interested in his spiritual being. It was from the witness of the spirit that you were brought into the light. I know you will think this is very strange for me, but still I am ever near you, trying to guard, guide, and protect you, and all the annoyances which you have had and all the trials, I have helped you to bear since I passed to the spirit side of life some ten years ago. Accept this in the fullness of my love and know that we are all happy in the throne above. We do not wear a crown that shines as the sun, ne ther do we have harps each and every one. Yet music and pleasure attends us on our way, and we are as happy as can be day by day That which we enjoyed on the earth below, we have in abun dance here so we go onward and upward, learning each day of that great spirit from which we will never stray, for out of the darkness into the light, we will be brought never fearing the right. From Wood County, Ind.

# Mary J. Gulfogel.

I am very anxious to reach my children. I want them to know that I still live and am interested in all they do. Yes George is dead. He passed out quite a while ago in the Far West. You need not trouble yourself about him any more, better care of your health, and not be so indifferent to yourself, as they could not afford to do without you. This sounds

### William R. Cason.

I am in a very strange condition. I am in a room, am sitting at a desk writing. I am suddenly shot in the back and fall over. I know no reason that this should have been done, shock to my friends was terrible, and yet William R. Cason is satisfied. I am from the S:ate of Nebraska, but I passed friends in Omahs. Tell them all, you who receive this mesare recognized you can give sittings to your friends. In time sage, and this message will be received by one by the name of your ear will also be developed to catch their messages of love James Carnahav, one who knew me in life. Tell them all that I live and am satisfied.

#### Mary Studley.

Oh, what a pleasure it is for me to come and express my had in my childhood, and I knew not what they were. I can know that the old chains that bound me down in earth life

### George Greenleaf.

Ob, I am so glad of this privilege to speak and send love greetings to the dear ones and to my mother Liddy. When I passed from this life it was by accident. I was crushed to leath by the cars on the Boston & Maine Road. I left a dear little family when I left my home in the morning. All was bright and fair, but at night my body was mangled and my spirit went to God who gave it. I am from Haverhill, Mass.

#### Rachel Page.

A quackeress of Cincinnati says: "I desire to send a general message. Many in your city know me. I am so glad to e able to come here at this time, and I am so glad that some who knew me in earth life are looking into Spiritualism, and I know that they will be convinced, for their loved ones stand ready to communicate with them. Oh, how my love goes out to all earth's mortals, and how I pity and sympathize with the dear little ones who have to struggle through poverty and distress in the earth life. I love children, and I feel sometimes like stretching out my arms and clasping them around the poor little distressed mortals on the earth plane. Ob, I am so glad, Roland, that you are investigating and being developed for work in the spirit world. Go on. I am near your side, I will direct you. Follow the impressions given to you in the early morning hours, and all will be well. Your friends. You knew me not, but I knew Eila.

### Mary Hardy.

Good afternoon. I wish to send love greetings to all. know that materialization is true, and would say to the mediums who are persecuted to day: Do not be discouraged, your crown will be brighter by and by. I am from Boston

### Sarah R. Wright.

Dear friends and co-workers. I am with you this after noon and bring to you my spirit greetings. Do not let the clouds, that hover over you to day, distress you. The sun shines bright and beautiful all over the land. But a few days ago the clouds hung heavy over your city. A gentle shower descended, and then again the sunlight broke forth, bringing brightness and cheer to all things. So it shall be with you. The clouds shall roll away, and the sunshine of prosperity shall dawn upon you. I was a worker in the spiritual ranks once. I know all the trials and tribulations through which each and every instrument must pass. Be true to self, be honest with the spirits who come to you, and the glorious sunlight shall dawn with strength upon you, and the herald of all joy shall go forth from out your little circle, and many hearts shall be gladdened by their loved one's messages cent from the spirit side of life. To my two children and three grandchildren, who live in the city of Philadelphia, I send my spirit greetings. Mother is ever near to bless, guide, and protect you.

# Emily Bailey.

My name is Emily Bailey, I belong to Bath, Maine, I passed from this life to spirit life at the age of thirty-five experiences to those who would be free in thought and deed years. I left five children, two of them are with me, Willie and Charley. But ob, how I long to reach the others, to let them know there is no death and that mother is with them and can see and know all they do. Ob, Annie, my dear daughter, if you could know how you grieve me. I know you would not do as you are doing, for mother often weeps at midnight ciently advanced to take part in it, for out of sixty nebulæ when you are fast asleep, striving to bring blessings to you. God bless all, my dear children; mother is with you every hour. Good bye.

# Mary Mitchell.

again, listening to the tests that were given through the different mediums. I was one of the old pioneers of the past. I was called an old crank, but I did not care for that, it is the cranks that causes the machinery to run. But ob, could I move the hearts of the people that they could see into the bless them in their work. Go on, do not falter and all will be ful. well. Aunt Mary Mitchell, of Boston, Mass.

# Ray Walker.

Chairman and friends: I am glad to be able to communi cate with you this afternoon, a spirit searching for loved ones. I do not mean searching for their bodies, but for their spirit that I may communicate with them. Does this sound strange to you, my friend? It is not strange for the door of their souls are closed against me. I have knocked and knocked and it has not opened unto me, and so I feel I must send this message through your valuable paper, and feel that some list of books on page seven. kind friend will hand this to my mother and she will know that I live. Her Ray is not dead, but the ray of love, although unacknowledged, warms her heart at times, and sometimes when her tears flow and she feels sad, that sudden gladness that is brought to her at those times comes from me. Oh, how grand and beautiful it is, although unacknowledged, yet I can shed an influence around and about the home that I once loved and lived in, that will bring some comfort to them in their sadness. Give this message to my mother, dear friend Mary, when you see it, and I know that she will read it and become interested and by this means I can reach her spirit thor was in at each inception. Therefore the work is designed and then my joy will be complete. Petrolis, Pa.

# VERIFICATIONS.

(To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.)

every particular. She is my daughter, and Pond Lily is my comfort, joy, and cheer to our hearts. MRS. WM. JONES.

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### Ode to an Egyptian Mummy. J PERKINS.

Come, tell us, Mummy, surely thou canst state What we poor sinuers strive in vain to know Are souls immortal ?- what their destined fate Art thou with angels? or perchance below Where Sheel is? or didst thou at the point of death Like vapor vanish with the expiring breath

In homage to thy graven god oftimes thy form Has prostrate been-or prone with genuflexion Thou didst believe they sent now sunshine, now a storm Thy curning priests in fraud in full connection Of Isis wonders told-her hatred and her love, And we, like them, tell wonders of our gods above

Wast thou a mystic? Nay, thy creed included The myths and legends of thy vaunted Nile, Nor can we say that thou wast much deluded With sacred bulls, or cats, or tearful crocodile For, as thy prayers went up to senseless gods of stone So modern saints beseech their Great Unknown

These saints, O Mummy, never fail to state Their special views concerning "preterition," And learnedly these pious prophets prate Of heathen folk and of their lost condition; To cap the sheaf-as well we might expect, These saints declare that infants are the non-elect.

These saints, O Mummy, girt with musty creeds And dogmas bluer than th' ethereal sky, Will tell you that your kindest nob est deeds Are not a passport to their heavens on high Go! rob and murder-raise the primal Cain, The blood of Christ will wash out every stain

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### SPIRIT VOICES.

U. G FIGI,EY,

The Golden Rule of the olden time has been, in a measure, displaced by the modern Silver Rule, "Make right that which thou hast made wrong."

Nothing happens! It is the decree of the intelligence behind natural law, that whatever is was so intended to be, else it would have occurred some other way. In the same line of reasoning, "Whatever is, is right," since there is no right or wrong in nature, taken separately or collectively, no distinction being made.

"There is no new thing under the sun." There never was anything created, there never will be. There is nothing whatever but that is of some form of substance, or matter, if you please. To the spirit this is more readily understood and comprehended than by the mortal.

Right doing is not only to be commanded as well as commended by the residents of the higher life, in mortals, but right thinking and pure thoughts must take precedence above all others. The person who thinks kill is a murderer in thought if not in deed.

There is no such thing as chance. "The universe is governed by fixed laws." The material through which they may sometimes work may not be of the best, yet the infinite fiat so ordained that certain causes must produce certain effects, hence the seeming discrepancy or haphazard workings of

The person who thinks he knows all there is to be known, while sojourning on this mortal plane, is generally the one to linger in earth bound conditions, and produce discordant results for psychial or physical manifestations. Many discrepancies and wild vegaries are promulgated in this manner.

"These are the times that try men's souls," unquestionably, and wreck their pocketbooks as well. About the only ones who are supremely indifferent to the monetary crisis are those who hold fat mortgages. As man is a spirit, though in the mortal, he should not neglect to educate himself in political matters, as well as religious.

"What is worse than a remorseful conscience? The fiery flames of an orthodex hell is not to be compared with the searing, scorching pangs of the conscience, which is alone the Great Judge who tries the culprits brought before his awful tribunal, for, as a poet said: "To sit alonewith my conscience, is judgment enough for me."

When a person forgives himself for his own wrong-doing toward himself and others, then that person may expect to progress farther and with more ease toward the heights where the redeemed souls may "view the landscape o'er," and pursue with pure purpose and unrestrained the vocations they are best adapted for. Forgiving each other may be easily accomplished, but forgiving one's own self is the hardest of all without recourse.

# WORLD-BUILDING.

Let none worry for fear the cosmic matter of space will be all worked up into suns and worlds before they become suffiexamined, forty-one were already formed or forming into world's, while nineteen were still nebulous as determined by the spectroscope, and in the case of seventy nebulæ examined by Huggins, about the same proportionate result was shown, so that judging by statistics which have been made How do you do. I feel as if I were in Cobb's meeting with reference to our earth, the world-forming process of even these nebu'æ must be going on for untold billions of vears to come.

Moreover, were we to conceive of such a manifestly absurd idea as that world-forming will cease, the deific activitivities having reached an utmost verge of the universe, beyond which it will never go, there is still more wonderful and sublime series of activities and evolutions working up all worlds and beings into that which is more refined and beauti-

According to the laws of force and to spirit revelations those worlds which have furnished their career, as the abode of life from having so extensively cooled off, radiate their matter through long ages into space, where it constitutes a more refined rebula, which, in its turn, must become aggregated into a higher grade of worlds than before, in connection with which shall be evolved a nobler type of humanity than we of the present cosmic cycle can well conceive of.

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"He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done, To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun, That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their race." JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

### POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

Electricians tell us that all nature comes under a positive law. Contrasting the seasons we find the Summer is negative while the Winter is positive. During July the electric conditions are as fifty, while in midwinter they reach five hundred. Mortality is greatest in July, and at a minimum in

The intellectual and physical feats of mankind are performed in the Winter months. We ask our readers to remember this law.

The LIGHT OF TRUTH to be of service to the cause should make its great increase in circulation during the Fall months We are very grateful for the steady increase shown by the passage of each month. But from now to midwinter we beseech you to join us in making the increase phenomenal.

The LIGHT OF TRUTH is a co-operative journal, and you, dear reader, are a joint factor with us. Born and reared in the celestial spheres it will continue to be a force as long as Spiritualism has a following. Every co-worker should strive to enlarge its field of usefulness.

There is not a subscriber to the paper but who has a few personal friends, who if urged by him for his sake would subscribe for it, if for nothing else than to please that personal friend. Do not be backward, press it on your doctor, all persons who during the Winter months read and improve yell. their minds are proper subjects for your missionary work. Re-mail every number of the paper you get, talk to your urge them to read the LIGHT OF TRUTH to get weekly accounts of the national organization.

Whenever you talk for the LIGHT OF TRUTH be positive to secure a subscriber. We are now entering the positive months of the year.

# OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

A Word With our Readers.

It is now one year since the LIGHT OF TRUTH made its initial bow before the spiritual and liberal world. Memories periods the brightest dreams, the fondest impulses, and the of American patriotic principles. lordliest ambitions are wont to congregate, and in them mankind perceives the markings of time, and moves his energies briefly to the period of the inception which prompted the LIGHT OF TRUTH and its policy.

In launching this paper on the remorseless sea of popular criticism we well considered the obstacles to be met and surmounted. We knew that there was a place for this publication, place waiting for it. We knew it would meet opposition in always in the minority we knew that this fact would add little the intellect of man and made him the tool of his own schemes upon them. educated ignorance and the designs of those who thrived on

With all these prominent issues in our view, and the irreeffort. We had supposed that we understood the common industrial slavery is cheaper than Negro slavery was. courtesies due between man and man. From the very start

friends and patrons.

The LIGHT OF TRUTH has been in the field long enough, and an added burden on the industries of the country, to unfold its policy, its aims, and its confidence in the intelligence of the reading public. It is known to be a paper which common rules of right, with direct legislation under the Cincinnati. Ohio. takes aggressive issue with the dominant thought of the day, principle of the initiative and referendum constitutionally political, ethical, and spiritual. Its policy, editorially, may be incorporated, having entire control of the money of the summed up in a single sentence, to wit: The basis of true and nation, and operating the great mercantile, transportation, which provides the highest material prosperity for all the peo | municipality, would soon overturn the juggernaut of private of its most important educational spheres, and there is no hell and destruction. ganging the good this feature of the paper is doing. It can not be measured, and it speaks for itself. Its corps of contributors comprises the whole gamut of liberal thought. The whole paper is an arena where the gladiators of thought stick the material of which it is composed has nothing to do may enter and cross swords in friendly combat, and its readers are found in the principal cities and on many hundreds of farms in our great country.

Such is the LIGHT OF TRUTH. We shall in the future as in the past rigidly maintain the high standard of moral excellence which has characterized this publication. We are unalterably fixed in the determination to make the LIGHT OF TRUTH a paper fi: to grace any library, office, or drawingroom in this country. If we can not succeed on this line of procedure then we shall quit.

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Lend your aid, then, to the advancement of our work The season's monetary disasters have affected many classes, Spiritualists not excepted, but there is an easier outlook at present, and with the Fall and Winter coming on the need of is upon us, and when a year hence we celebrate our second a well-supported representative of the spiritual philosophy. An institution, in fact, to which all Spiritualists may turn, knowing there is a reward for honest purpose, and that success in any venture in life can be grounded only on the panciple of live and let live.

# AMERICANS, WAKE UP!

Look About You! Read the Signs!

If ever there was a time in the history of this continent when the sign-boards of political harlotry were an offense to common decency; if ever there was a people on this green earth who could rightfully be called lackeys or the grooms of vultures, that time is now and that people the inhabitants of this nation. Was ever a spectacle of brazen effrontery, assinine stupidity, and time-serving mendacity held up for the scorn of patriots to equal the present Congress? And was ever a more puerile, abortive set of measures drafted to rectify wrong than those which the toiling and producing classes led by political thugs are presenting? It seems as if the very fates were in league to see how far the people can go along the road to national destruction. As we view the causes leading up to the acme of political and industrial harlotry, the supineness with which the people at large bear it becomes the more wonder-awakening. Truly from the bowels of perfidy the birth of a monumental incubus has about finished its expectorations. Sixty-five millions of socalled sovereigns have become the hirelings of their own servants, and are holding the lamps and handing the swaddling clothes at the accouchement of a monstrosity they have begotyour grocer, and all people you are intimate with. Any and ten, and which will terrify them when it begins its hideous

The wages of labor is being reduced, mortgages poison the springs of industry, usury draws from the dependent the very marrow of financial life, millions of idle men tramp the friends of the national movement now among Spiritualists, country looking for work, evictions from homes are as com mon and certain as the daily deposits of millionaires, women sell themselves for bread and clothing, work-houses are full and jails gorged, prayers of pious sharks jostle the cobwebs amongst the rafters of dead Churches, sermons on man's duty to God and his indifference to the woes of humanity burden the air, liars, hypocrites, and fools stifle business honor, the highest deliberative body in the land talks and talks and talks, and the chief executive of the nation fishes and utters platitudes that a fourth-grade school boy would laugh at if he were asked to declaim them at his commencement exercises This is a picture fit to turn the dust of Henry VIII. green with envy and cause the shades of Jefferson, Paine, Sumner, Clay, always focus at anniversaries. Around these recurring Lincoln, and Garfield to shudder with horror at the decadence

Where are the statesmen, the counsellors, and the wise fathers of this country? Have we such in the land, or has the accordingly. It is with this thought in mind that we advert gold god emasculated them all? Certainly they are not in our halls of legislation. There are no rail-splitters, no canal drivers, no sons of the poor and the toiling at Washington today. Genius and statesmenship are on the craggy heights where the lecherous Shylock clutches of the usurpers can not reach them even if they desired. The country is regaled day and a herculean work ahead of it if it presumed to occupy the after day with the wind bags of oratory, the balloon notions of the gold-gamblers, the bank Shylocks and bond-holders. the ultra intellectual field comprising the materialistic While the wails of poverty, threats of violence, and the shrieks thought on one hand, and the sophistries of credulity and of despair accompany them all, making pandemonium com superstition on the other. We knew that the great cause it plete, the great question is : When will the people arise in was to represent was an unpopular one, although counting their might and put a stop to the continental farce, take amongst its adherents and advocates many of the most gifted measures to redress their wrongs, and do it simply, orderly, men and women of the century. But inasmuch as truth is and effectively? There are two or three fundamental principles at stake. It is the interest of the money power to prestige to Spiritualism when compared with the dominant throw dust in the eyes of the people on these simple issues, opinions and teachings which for centuries had enthralled and in the confusion which follows foist their nefarious

It requires no argument to show that interest on money is at the bottom of all the damnable industrial slavery which was inaugurated when negro slavery was abolished. At that futable facts and philosophy of our cause in our minds we set time the gold barons of England in conspiracy with the sail our ship, and because we knew something of naviga- money lords of the United States laid their plans to control tion and had our compass set right the ship has rode and is the wages of labor by controlling the people's money. It was riding majestically the troubled sea. Like all other men who to be a cheaper slavery than that which Lincoln cut off with embark in business or who care for the good opinions and his pen and a million heroes wiped out in their blood, and it well wishes of their neighbors and friends we adopted those has succeeded. In just the proportion that housing, clothing common rules of right which are the only basis of honorable and food are deducted from the aggregate expense our present

By controlling the money of the country these men conwe were in constant receipt of the good wishes, the bless- trol the interest on money. Labor never can get ahead so ings, and the Godspeeds of many of the leading spiritual long as it pays exorbitant rates of interest. Money should thinkers and writers of the country. To be sure there are bear no more interest than potatoes, corn, cotton, or wheat. those who in their eagerness to do the LIGHT OF TRUTH a Money represents these, and all other wealth that labor prokindness have presumed to inform us that our motives are duces. Labor is at the base of all wealth, and in the exchange not honorable, and that the great cause of humanity and the of commodities the rights of labor should first be considered angel world is suffering reproach at our hands. Of course we Money is a convenience of exchange. It facilitates the buying are glad to be set right on these points if we have made so and selling of labor's productions. It has no value of its own. serious a mistake as to suppose that slander and Billingsgate | It represents value, has the power of accumulating value and, time we are not satisfied that such is the case, and we shall go solely by the general government, acting in accordance with Spiritualism.

on trusting in the good sense, the generosity, and love of our the constitution. In view of this fact every national or State bank is a clear infraction of the people's constitutional right,

The people, represented by a government based on the stable spiritual unfoldment lies in a saie economic doctrine public works, and mining interests of the nation, State, and ple. Its Message Department with answers to questions is one usurpation, waste and profligacy now grinding them down to

The dollar is the unit of measurement, and represents wealth just as the yard-stick is a rule of measurement in de termining the volume of cloth. In either the dollar or the yardwith its power. The Shylocks have about convinced the people that the dollar, not labor, is the base of wealth. As well say that pianos and sealskin sacques are the requirements in the development of a new territory, instead of picks and shovels. It matters very little what material the dollar is made of as long as it bears the nation's promise to pay and is secured by the wealth of the nation and made a legal tender for debts it is a dollar, and any conspiracy on the part of bankers, capitalists, or legislators to curtail its circulation and by false issues promulgated in their interests cause panics and disasters in the mercantile and industrial affairs of the country, like that of the present time, should be made a crime punishable by imprisonment for life. Murder and arson are commendable virtues compared with the grievious wrong, the dastardly crime through and by which the brawn and sinew of this country have lost and suffered during the present year. And what of the future? What of the Winter just upon us? It will take the industries of the country a year to are proud of the LIGHT OF TRUTH. They honor its course, ings at Washington cease, and the misrepresentatives of the people return to their castles and their hatchments. How are the poor, the unemployed to fare?

These are legitimate questions, and yet no man can answer them. If it were possible for human brains to conceive or comprehend the misery and suffering which uninvited poverty entails on the thousands of defenseless men, mental tonic in the shape of spiritual and economic reading women, and children of the country to day, it would drive every one of them stark mad. And yet we are living in the anniversary let us be able to say that the LIGHT OF TRUTH is afternoon, yes, the twilight, of the mightiest century in history. We have the richest country on the globe. Art adornment, structure, and achievement dazzle the eyes and swell the heart with pride. On all sides are beheld the fruits of genius and the proud sceptre of its power. We ought to be the happiest, most prosperous people on earth. Surely there is a rotten spot somewhere, a foul Augean stable to be cleaned out. The reform must be radical, and take in the whole gamut of interests, from the Churches down to the bootblack, from the Congress down to the jails, from the altar down to the saloon, and from the palace down to the hovel. Where want crouches upon the marble steps of affluence, liberty is a sham and religion a mockery. Every time an honest workman is thrown out of employment without fault of his own the American people add to the stigma of their disgrace and servitude. As between a stock-broker and a burglar the burglar is the most respectable, and every time a constable evicts a family from its home because it can not pay the curse of rent honor, like a comet past its perihelion, recedes farther and farther from the people. Yet those who desire, through and by the centralization of wealth and the control of money, a limited monarchy, a return to the yoke which our forefathers threw off, rejoice and chuckle, but unless the American people are totally psychologized there will yet be heard a roar that will drown their chuckles and blanch their cheeks.

> It may require the clash of arms to awaken the torpid lion, but when he springs there will be none to withstand him. Awake, then! ye who are not yet the hirelings and serfs of masters unscrupulous and selfish. Throw off the yoke of oppression and give to each and all who want to labor and live the opportunity to do so.

> If ye are not cravens the future shall mark a higher and a better humanity on the dial of progress. Recall and bury the shameless broods who pollute the places of your trans lated statesmen. If they stay there posterity will write them down your true representatives.

> Overturn the profligate and time-serving press called free, but which only serves the behests of rings and monopolies. There is scarcely an editor in the country who dare stand up and say he is free to write his honest thoughts.

Soldiers of brains, not of tin and tinsel, are required in this crisis. The parlor butterflies, snobs, and parasites will revile and whine, but their day will have no other morning. Let the American people take their own affairs into their own hands, and place justice in the hands of stewards who will see that it is executed. If they will do this they will leave their heritage and its increase in the hands of those who are to come unsullied. Their government will be one of, by, and for the people, not as at present a government for revenue only, with gold barons, usurers, bond-holders, mortgage-fiends, and bankers to monopolize

# Kind of People at the Convention.

When spirit-return first came into the world it seized upon mortals that could be worked into mediums. As a rule negatives, people with bodies full of magnetism, (then known as animal spirit) who under spirit manipulation soon became passive. Those of more positive temperaments began to investigate and to comprehend the law of development. These in turn by conforming to the conditions became media. In the earlier attempts at organization the Spiritualists attend. have seen you would hold different opinions." ing were called short-haired women and long haired men. -a heterogeneous mass. This may in a measure account for previous failures.

The convention just closed we claim to be the most remarkable of the Columbian year. It had been repeated so damned if you don't. often that we were cranks, entertaining as many different notions as there were Spiritualists, incapable of self control or fixedness of purpose, that all went there prepared to be on the alert. The proceedings of the first day clearly showed that every one was on guard to restrain and force his neighbor into concerted action. Gradually it dawned on all that the addresses were calm and to the point, whether in private talks or public debate, there was invariably shown a singleness of purpose.

A disinterested spectator at the close would have been forced to admit from the part taken by the humblest one to their publications than any other evangelizing influence. I the able presiding officer, great decision of character was am one of two hundred and fifty to take your proposed issue the able presiding officer, great decision of character was

In mingling with the delegates we could not help but be struck with the vivacity, wit, brilliancy of speech, and deep knowledge exhibited by those present. As the close of the third day drew near every face was wreathed in smiles. Liberal donations were made, all present taking to their homes some of the blank cards passed around, determined that soon they would have them filled with subscriptions and forwarded to Robert A. Dimmick, Washington, D. C.

WHENEVER the mob-element gets rampaut the LIGHT OF are not a part of Spiritualism. However, up to the present the power of distributing value. It should be controlled, no use for us. Happily there is not much of it in

# United We Stand.

We can not keep pent up our joy over the eventful work of September 29, 1893 Spiritualists for years have felt the baneful effects of the reverse side of this picture, "Divided we sll." Now "United we stand," let every lover of truth see to

it that great good flows therefrom. The tendency of the age through spirit teaching has been toward co operation. Nothing now succeeds unless harmony and concerted action prevail.

America has been the theater for the play of these forces. Through our teachers and mediums the spirit world has flooded every movement with the blessings of this law. Now at last they turn with tender affection to their own child, Spiritualism, conferring this great love upon it. Let us move up, closing the ranks, presenting to the world a solid phalarx, a closed fist, determined to be heard and respected.

Run your eye over the religious world and you witness that splits and divisions and disintegration are at work in that old domain. Union and good fellowship abide with us. Every society should as quickly as possible take out a charter in the new national association. It encourages others and reflects back upon every Spiritualist. It makes him feel the fervor and inspiration from knowing that he is an integral part of a great national movement.

It in no wise abridges your local freedom. Temples and benevolent institutions will continue to be built, trustees to be elected, and titles to be held under existing local State laws. Spiritualism through the national association covers the whole land.

Keep up the interest, let all vie with one another to foster the national movement-correspond with Robert A. Dimmick, Secretary, Washington, D. C. Give him the names of wealthy Spiritualists, strengthen our treasury in this the crucial year.

### Encourage Him.

We sincerely hope all Spiritualists in the United States appreciate the necessity of each doing something to help the national association. Watch the spiritual press, and, whenever you see any notice from Robert A. Dimmick, your secretary, at Washington, D. C., be sure and give it prompt attention. We believe the spirit world had much to do with Mr. Dimmick's selection.

Clerical work alone will not suffice in this the crucial year of the association. Your secretary must bring great experience to his task, and much depends on him in the absence of your president to arouse interest and create zeal throughout the United States. He must be full of invention, creative and original, a vast variety of forms of a general and special nature must be designed by him. He must act on the moment, must be full of expedients, in fact, a great organizer. We believe there is no man in Washington his peer in this line. Respond to his call, encourage him.

MOHAMMEDANISM is gaining some headway in this country, but nobody seems to object. America is a free soil for religious opinion, and that is the reason. Americans, too, join them, and say, we as American citizens have a right to believe as we choose; our constitution guarantees us this privilege. Also correct, and no dissenting voice to say aught of it. But this is not the truth, you know. It is orthodoxy, pure and simple, and meets with other congenial companions under the blue and starry canopy of the American heaven. Spiritualism is fought, tooth and toe-nail, however, and we marvel. We, who know human nature, need not. Remember, it is the TRUTH.

THE Christian Statesman, in noting the fact that arrangements have been made to open a spiritualistic college and the announcement that "it is the first school of its kind in the world," remarks: "It will probably be the last, for so called Spiritualism feeds on ignorance." If Spiritualism feeds on ignorance what does Christianity feed on ?- Boston Investi-

THE article on first page from Dr. A. B. Spinney, relating to Brother Lyman C. Howe, should not be passed by unheeded or without further reflection. Read it, and then see how much you have to spare for a worthy laborer in the spiritual vineyard. Subscriptions may be sent to this office for farther delivery. If you can not give much, give a little, but give something.

BUT Spiritualism tells us nothing new, is the argument thrown at us occasionally by a would-be wiseacre. Is it not a new thing to know positively that you are going to live in the next life with the same consciousness-the same loves and hates-that you take with you at death? Reflect on it and see how startling a fact it is.

SPIRITUALISM is the science of immortality, which is reestablishing what the science of geology and astronomy have temporarily placed under a cloud-namely, the logical spiritual manifestations of the Bible. And yet some of our Church brethren are ready to kill the goose that is laying them the golden egg.

ON THE 20th day of October, 1876, in the one hundredth year of American independence, August Belmont, the American agent for the Rothschilds of Europe, wrote a letter to the New York Herald, the following of which is an extract: "The bond-holder is so fe and secure under a Democratic or Republican administration."

CONCERNING Spiritualism W. M. Thackery says: "It is all very well for you, who have probably never seen any spiritual manifestations, to talk as you do; but had you seen what I

If you wish to send your child to school you must first have it legally poisoned-vaccinated. If you do not send it to school you are fined. It's be damned if you do, and be

# TO THE SPIRITUALISTS OF AMERICA.

The financial panic is over, and business is rapidly resuming its normal condition, therefore, you, as well as ourselves, are ready to take up the work that may be daily assigned to

From all sides comes the cry to go on with the proposed plan of publishing good and cheap literature. One says: am confident that such books as you propose to publish, with attractive and catchy titles, could soon be sold on every railway train." Another adds: "The Churches owe more to of bonds." A multitude of letters insisting that "the time is

ripe for the establishing of a Spiritualist publishing house."

To all we say nothing shall deter us from sending broadcast into the world the best and chespest literature that our cause can produce. Our plans are matured. Every Spiritualist who can, during the coming year, subscribe for one of our bonds shall never regret the numble part he took in the inauguration of this great work. Your interest will be promptly paid and the principal returned when due. Your children in the coming geneneration will point with pride to the ancester who was instrumental in establishing this educational force in the laud. You can subscribe for a bond any time and pay for the same in twelve monthly installments, TRUTH gets a scoring. It is the only kind of cattle that has commencing January 1, 1894. If at any time you should no use for us. Happily there is not much of it in tion, we stand ready to return the money and receive b.ck the bond. Correspondence is solicited.

# News from Correspondents

Boston Letter.

The season has now fairly opened, all the meetings run ning and work laid out for the Fill and Winter. Boston Spiritual Temple opened Sanday morning with an entire new board of officers and under very favorable circumstances. Mr. William H. Banks, the new president, in his opening speech outlined the work of the Fall campaign, remarking that the managment proposed to place upon the platform some of the best finient the country affords, and asking the hearty co operation of all present, that the meetings the present season might exceed in interest, those of previous year. Excellent music was furnished by Miss Manie M. Davis, of Allston, with Mr. W. H. Boyce as accompanist. Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham is to be the speaker during October, and Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie in November. In the morning session Mrs. Brigham's controls gave the time to the answering of questions presented by the sudience, and from these answers we gather the following statements of fact. First, it is not pos sible for us to conceive of a religion that does not start with sible for us to conceive of a religion that does not start with a recognition of a supreme being. The Mahommedan and every heathen as well as Christian religion recognized a supreme power which we call God. Second, Christianity as taught and practiced to-day will not survive the twentieth century. Many of its dogmas are among the things that were infant damnation for instance, and the old idea of a harmony bulk as a place of eternal punishment is burning hell as a place of eternal punishment is fast passing away. Ere another century opens we shall see a new Courch or religion toat shall scknowledge the divinity within man and the universal care of the infinite father. Third, it is not just and right that woman should be called the weaker part of creation, except so far as the physical is concerned. Mentally and morally woman equals if not excels the sterner sex Some of the best speakers and writers may be wearing the female apparel. Hundreds of names might be given of women who have electrified the world with their poetry and elo quence. Fourth the sigrs of the times are ominous, the downfall of bigotry, the creation of a liberal religion, emancipating the world from the slavery of superstition and ignorance are promising signs of the future.

In the evening Mrs. Brigham spoke upon the "Mystery of Life," giving a lecture full of deep, earnest thought, showing that all the common occurrences of life are shrouded in mys tery. Even how or when we began to live is a mystery, and the last event we call death is one of the mysterious things connected with life. Her idea was that death was painless, simply an easy transition of the spirit form, and nothing to be feared as it opened the gate to the mysterious life in the great eternal home where all these mysteries shall be re-

In The First Spiritual Temple, at Newbury Street, Lyman C. Howe is engaged for the month of October. List Sunday, after listening to music from the grand old organ, followed by vocal selections by Miss Hattie Dodge, Mr. Howe spoke at length upon the "Pre existence of Germ Life." The main question evolved being which is first, the seed or the fruit? demonstrating that every germ of life must have always been in existence waiting only the developments of the future to become individualized. There never was any "in the beginning" neither will there be an "end of the world" as we are taught by orthodoxy to day. Some very excellent mediums are connected with this society, and the "Sunday Circle" in the morning was productive of very fine communications and tests. Mr. M S. Ayer seems to be the right man for the place and devotes considerable time and money to carry for ward the spiritual work in that locality. The Fraternity School gives instruction to the children and many of the pertinent topics of Spiritualism are investigated, which renders it a source of profit to all. The Childrens Progressive Lyceum re opened their meetings in Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont Street, Sunday morning with a good attendance Recitations and songs were given by several of the children with remarks by the president, J. B. Hatch, Jr., Mrs. Maggie F. Butler, Vice-President Wood, and others. In the afternoon a large delegation visited the city of Lynn to entertain the children of the Lynn Lyceum. The Boston Lyceum has a wonderful power for good over those who come under its daily ministrations and influence. We would again urge upon Spiritualist societies everywhere the gathering of the children together that they may be instructed in spiritual truth. These meetings, so far reported, were all well attended and the people have returned from the camps and seashore full of interest and our speakers do not have to take for the subject of a lecture "Empty churches, and how to fill them." as one of our Boston ministers was obliged to last Sunday. We found every place filled, every face earnest, and all harmoni ous. Spiritualism is gaining with every public service and

them. Look out for progressive reports as the weeks go by. The neloing Hand Society re opened their social meetings in Gould Hall on Wednesday evening, October 4th, with quite a large audience. Supper was served at 6 p. m., and the evening passed in social conversation. The president, Miss Lucette Webster, in her opening speech welcomed all present upon the return of the season and invited the hearty co operation of the members of the Boston Spiritnal Temple, so that the benevolent work might be successfully carried out. The committe on entertainments are making plans for the

the people are coming nearer together and draw nearer to

the infinite than it is possible for the old theology to bring

We attended a seance conducted by Professor and Mrs. Kenyon at Twilight Hall a few evenings since, at which some very fine independent slate writings were obtained and very satisfactory tests given. These seances are held every Wednesday evening and are well worthy the attention of

Fall and Winter.

those who are investigating the phase of slate writing. The question has been after asked, lately, "Where is Mrs. Abbie N. Burnbam, the well known Boston medium?" and we answer that we had the privilege of hearing her speak a few evenings since. She has been marrying off her accomplished daughter Miss Ida Burnham, and tells us she has gained a worthy son. The best wishes of her numerous friends have been expressed in behalf of the young couple.
Miss Ida is a fine elocutionist, and we sincerely hope she will be heard from many times upon our public platforms. Mrs. Burnham resumes her labors again and we learn that she has a few open dates she would be glad to fill. She is a very earnest and logical speaker, always having something of interest from the spirit world and of inestimable value. She can be addressed at Station A, Boston, Mass.

The Ladies' Industrial Society re-opened their weekly meetings on Thursday, October 5th. In the absence of their worthy President, Mrs. Ida Wnitlock, the meeting was in charge of Vice President, Mrs. M. J. Davis, and opened with congregational singing. Mrs. Neilie J. T. Brigham was the first speaker, and gave a message from the spirit world advising all to work together, knowing that if our work is not done here it must be finished in the great hereafter. The plant growing in the far South, known as the "Resurrection Plant," farnished Mrs. Brigham a topic around which she wove a pretical effasion full of earnest suggestions regarding our duty, adding that we ought to be proud of our Spiritual Philosophy, and should remember those who worked so faithfully in the early days of Spiritualism, opening the way by which our work is made easier. Mrs. M. A. Chase compared Spiritualism to the primitive Christianity of the humble Nazirene, and gave correct answers to several mental questions. Mrs. Piper gave several very humorous readings which were heartily spplauded. Mrs. Abbie N. Burnham urged upou all to be houest with themselves and the spirit world in order that our work may be successful, and called to our minds the old times in Music Hall, when Mrs. Brigham Wm Denton and others, well remembered, were the speakers. Mrs. Jenuie K D Conaut followed, recommending above all things, that we work hand in hand, with one object in view, the elevation of spiritual truth, and the good of humanity Mrs. Count is a fine test medium, of Scotch birth, educated in a Metholist family, where, in early life, she often astonished the staid old church members with her "visious" as they called them, and they feared that it was the work of the evil one. Sie is located at No. 11 Union Park. Remarks were made by Captain Richard Holmes and Mr. E. H. Tuttle.

The work of the season is now fully under way and we have never before seen so much earnestness manifested as is shown at the several meetings. The truth will bear investigation and in its light we shall final y triumph over error and superstition. The world is our field and we look for F. ALEXIS HEATH great results.

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lars of your disease.

Letter from Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

Here we are once more at Lily Dale, having come on our way from the West to close our cottage for the Winter and arrange for returning to the East.

Change is taking place from the beauty of Summer, as when we left it to the many bright and beautiful times of au-tumn, which precedes the long cold winter. Yesterday was as though it were a remnant of Sammer, delightfully warm, inviting to the parks and plaze is, and to rest. The young maples in the parks are taking on gorgeous colors. And altogether there is so much of natural beauty and so restful a feeling pervading the place that we can but wish that duties did not call us away for at least another month. There is such complete stillness compared to the crowds and noise of Sammer that one would feel that the place was quite de-

serted. But such is not the case.

Mr. Hearn, the photographer, has been kept busy constantly since the meeting closed. And but just this moment was seen pointing his camera toward one of the cot-

Mrs. Huff is in her cottage, arriving this week after a visit to the World's Fair and the Spiritualist Convention at

Mrs. Pettengill is also here again on duty after a short ab-

Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore returned from Chicago in good spirits and very good health. Mrs. Cook, of Jamestown, N. Y., is in her cottage for a few

About the usual number of families are on the ground for the Winter. So we find that Cassadaga is not deserted. I have just been having a sitting for independent slatewriting with the popular medium, Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, who is kept busy during the Summer season, that we who can wait do so until a more convenient season. And as his home is here, and the family usually linger for rest a few weeks, the time seemed auspictous, and for the first time I tested the power and witnessed the phenomena through his instrutality. We proceeded after the usual manner, as described so often by sitters, cleansing and tying the slates up two at a time in a handkerchief of my own, placing them upon the table, in plain view and in bright light (not even under the table). The medium seemed to have very little part in the matter, except to be present and once or twice coming in contact with the slates by touching them on the opposite side from the one held by me. The slates were in my pos session the entire time. And the sitting proved a very satisfactory one. This manifestation has been so often attested by trustworthy and critical investigators, who have sat with Mr. Keeler, that he does not need additional testimony which I might give. It is, therefore, not for the medium that I write, but because I know that each evidence and every manifestation of the presence of the spirits of the departed is valued, and its recital enjoyed by the thousands, who will not have the privilege, which was mine, and who read your valuable paper. As is customary I wrote the names of some of my departed friends. A few of these slips of paper were laid upon the table under my direct observation. Then I saidif others can communicate I shall be happy to have them do so. Four unusually large slates were cleaned, two of them being tied together. We had not long to wait before we heard the small piece of pencil in rapid movement, with apparently long strokes, as though more than ordinary writing was going on. On opening the slates one was found completely filled. It contained two pencil portraits. One was accompanied by a message from Phil Sheridan, the other that of Reuben E. Fenton, ex-Gov-

ernor of New York. Mrs. Cook, of Jamestown, who knew the latter well, says the picture is characteristic in many ways, of course a rough sketch of that kind could, not be more. But that it is much like the one of Sheridan all can see. The message was: "I am conscious of being with one who like myself battles for what you conceive to be right. I am a fellow soldier with you.

P. H. SHERIDAN."

I do not know why these spirits manifested to me, unless the interest they feel with other spirits in the cause of Spiritualism and for mankind. But the four slates were filled, and contained aside from messages from those I had addressed several from my relatives whose names I had not written, and no one had spoken or written them in my presence for many years; one an uncle; another, a child nurse's message, carried me in memory to the Summer after I was sixteen years of age. I taught a small district school in the town Marilla, N. Y. The message was from a pupil at that time, of whom I had not thought for years, and addressed me, as the child or spirit knew me, by my maiden name: "How do you do, Miss Knapp? You may not remember me but I do you. You taught me my letters, and I loved you. am in the spirit world now. Do you remember Marilla

Then she spoke of another pupil, awakening another long slumbering recollection. The name of my uncle was Rhodes Matteson, a peculiar one, that is the given name, and two other distinct messages from spirits I had not addressed, contained, as did this one, excellent tests, which taken with the fact that I can say I know a power outside of this medium produced the messages, makes them of value. Tears filled my eyes when I heard the pencil moving, pro

ducing so distinct a sound and knowing as we do that the long, silent dead were producing this. The wonder is that any one can approach this subject irreverently or with anything but a spirit of sincerity. The gates are sjar and by the tokens given we know the spirits intend to keep them. So may mortals perform as faithfully their part as the unseen ones are performing theirs. Then shall truth shine forth as the day, and all heed her messages.

My letter is necessarily short, our trunks are upon the piszza, the shutters are up at the windows of the Lillie Cot-tage and we must pass out of the door, take a last glance at the sunlight as it is touching the Autumn tinted trees, and wait for the swift wheels of time, which move rapidly now, to bring another June, another meeting, and future joy.
R. SHEPHARD LILLIE.

# New York News.

Oa Saterday evening September 30th, about one hundred presons met in the spacious parlors of Professor J. Jay Watson, 255 West Forty Third Street, this city, to enjoy a musical treat. There were several fine musicians present who delighted the guests; but the phenomenon of the evening was little Willie King of Brooklyn. This child is about seven ears of age and plays the violin with the hand of a master. He can play ordinary compositions at sight, and classical music with but little practice. The soul expression this

genius puts into his playing is most inspiring.

The great masters of song are not dead, and perhaps this child is being baptised by their spirit. Whilst the individuality of a medium may prevent duplication, yet who shall say that an Ole Bull or a Paganini may not through this infant hand and brain return to earth with song celestial!

The society at Kuickerbocker Hall held a conference on Sunday morning October 1st, in the evening, Hon. A. H. Dailey of Brooklyn delivered an interesting lecture on "The Psychical Science Congress." The judge having been one of the representatives to that congress, was able to make clear its platform, and deeply interest his auditors.

The speaker for the First Society, at present, is Walter Howell. Sunday morning his theme was, "The transient and permanent elements in Christianity." The evening subject was, "The law of psychic phenomena," or Mr. Hudson on Spiritualism. The discourses were both most highly complimented. Space will not permit a synopsis of the e addresses It is regreted by many, that lectures of this class are not reported verbatim and reach a much larger audience. The largest audience we have had this season greeted Mr. Howell morning and evening.

The afternoon meeting for psychical phenomena held at Carnegie Hall, was very large. Dr. Wright gave the opening address, Walter Howell offered a few appropriate remarks. Mrs. Florence K. White gave some excellent clairvoyant tests which were recognized, and Mrs. Henderson psychometrised several articles successfully. Morning, afternoon, and even ing Mr. Ward and Mrs. Morrison rendered duets to the delight of all. Mr. Snipes also gave two soul stirring solo?

We are informed that Mr. Sirgent, of Brooklyn, intends starting a Spiritualist mission, the hall will be located far from other meeting places not to in any way conflict with existing work. A hall on Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle, is thought desirable. This venture commences on Sunday October 8th. We wish Brother Sirgent God speed. Walter Howell and others will deliver opening addresses, and these will be followed by tendent of the second of the seco

will be followed by tests,
The New York Psychical Society's meeting opened on Wednesday evening October 4 b. This is the sixth year of this society, sexistence and it pids fair to live long and accomplish much Mr. Snipes, the President, secures good speakers to address the audience, and phenomenal mediums to demon-strate the claims of Spiritualism. "Come friends and brethen, all unite in songs of heartlest cheer; our cause is onward in its flight, away with doubt and fear." Sincerely Yours, CORRESPONDENT.

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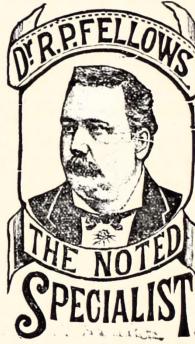
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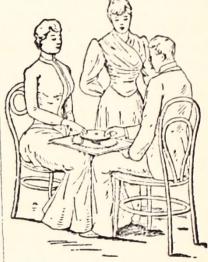
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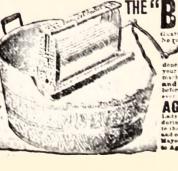
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On how high are the houses and is this the city. To shall not the sky and the air—what a pity! How my thought 0 / 10 meadows and brooks for away. This I feel 'tis a pain in this city to alay.

And yet, down that alley is set quite a crowd, There are women and children all quarrellog aloud, And no wonder for who could be happy down there Oh, you poor little children, and this world so fair

Oh, you poor little children, and thus words we can'
Oh, that I could take you away to the see.
Or the downs all so wide so open and free.
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Yes God, who is good, has implanted in them Deep down in their nature a beautiful gem, which foster'd and car'd for could shine in His light, had growing, gain strength in the pow'r of His might

PICTURE II

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Through driving snow and pittiess sleet

A woman tradges
Ob, frear a limbs and aching feet '
She shelter grudges.
No time to rest, no time to stay,
For she is working by the day,
And time is precious.

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A home in squalor—home? Ah, where?

A room to smother?
She leaves the tiny mites in care
Of one another?
And settling forth in direst heed
To earn a cruat these two to feed—
Oh, think, my brother?

On, think, my orocer.
A palace stands on youder hill
In beauty rare.
What comfort, ease—no breath of ill
Can taint that sir.
But, oh, outside a sister stands
with breaking heart and pleading hands
Upraised in prayer.

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#### What the Angels Named Her.

CELIA LOUCKS

At the unseen boundary of the spirit world there is no great gate awinging wide to let only the "clect" in to higher enjoyments, while the obscure and down-trodden ones of earth are turned away.

There are many different ways of entrance, yet all are based upon the continuity of life which emerges beyond the valley and shadow of death and goes on forever in the light of spirit law and knowledge.

which apon the community of life which emerges beyond the valley and shadow of death and goes on forever in the light of spirit law and knowledge.

There comes before me the picture of a County Infirmary. The poor, the blind, the halt, and the weak minded, many such are there. On a small bid is a girl of fourteen low with fever. She used to help in the paupers' kitchen and sometimes in the kitchen of the overseer. She was an innocent, quiet child, with large, blue eyes and closely cropped, brown, quiet child, with large, blue eyes and closely cropped, brown, curly hair. She always wore a plain, blue calleo frock and coarse, heavy shoer. She was nobody's child—as worldly people would say—but the inunstes of the house called her Peggy or Peg. She had the talent of song, but the tunes and words were self-creative—so to speak—such as would come to her under some quiet, happy impulse and in spite of her surroundings.

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She is dying to her narrow, earthly life. The physician said she would die as the night drew near.

It is dusk. A great, bright star can be seen in the daskening sky. Peggy, the dying girl, opens her eyes and sees the warm, bright face of the star smiling from above upon her, and she smiles back to it. She is not quite clear to earthly things, for she is drifting out on the see of eternity, and to her the intangible and spiritual are becoming the real.

"It is beautiful," she mutters to herself. Then, with more nimation, "O, the lovely flowers! The bright faces!" Them, at it is tening a moment, she says, "O, that is a pretty name! I am so glad they wont call me Peg any more."

The lips curve into a smile, the blue eyes lose their lustre, and little, unowned Peggy has put on the shining garment of immortality, and is happy in the spirit realm of life. The sugels named her Rosemary as they called her to them. They pressed loving kiness on her spirit flowers. Her soul shone bright as a star in the spiritual firmament. A spirit teacher said to those who welcomed her to the upper spheres, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it also unto me."

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#### FLOWERS.

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As we turn to nature to look for divine revelations, our attention will surely be attracted to the beasuiful and magnificent kingdom of flowers, which is so intimately related to all human characteristics as to reflect in its numberless variety of species all the passions and emotions of mankind. A little flower seed can teach us such grand lessons in its growth and development to ever greater proportions, until it matures finally into a full bloom, as to fill us with awe and admiration, considering the mighty power or eternal life-principle underlying this perfect process of atomic energy and producing such magnificent results.

Space will not allow to specify any particular species, but it will become obvious to any student or lover of flowers how much these sweet children of nature resemble human traits in their organization and appearance, as to enable us to express our thoughts and feelings understandingly through these messengers of love.

Whenever two human souls have succumbed to that irresistible copier of Cupid, sweet flowers will inaugurste their calmination of happiness.

As we approach the sick chamber to bring rympathy and kind words of hope and encouragement to the suffering palent, we will observe how a few fresh-cut flowers will garden the sick chamber to bring rympathy and kind words of hope and encouragement to the suffering palent, we will observe how a few fresh-cut flowers will garden to the suffering palent, we will observe how a few fresh-cut flowers will garden to the chair, and stand as godfather at the christening of the Marshall association, Capit like can be able to expect the line for the chair, and atom as godfather at the christening of the Marshall association, Capit like can be able to expect the line for the chair, and atom as godfather at the christening of the Marshall association, Capit like can be able to expect the line for the chair, and atom as godfather at the christening of the Marshall association, Capit like can be able to expect the line for th

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### The Image of That Maid.

My childhood mates are seen no a Gone all the friends I know. The sweet Edenic furs of hore Base sanished from my view.

But one there was among the twat
Whose impress will not face ~
I'll guard forever in my breast
The image of that maid.

The live with which this trisom heaved
Responsive to her own.
That hopish fore so long between
Still seeks the one that a fliwn.

But visions of a happier chime Where yeath so radiant beams Bear up my heart with hope subli-And brighten all my dreams.

No more I'll watch ber hallowed mound, For oft she comes to tell. She stays not in sepulchral ground But where bright spirits dwell.

#### At Half Mast.

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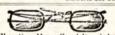
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A blooming maiden, a member of a fashionable Church retained her position and dignity gracefully as a worker in the flock until a new associate, an occasional attendant opened the way to a truer mode of salvation. The Church disciple was invited by the friend to go with her to hear a Spiritualist lecture. After much ridicule over the silliness of sitending such a place with any feeling of belief or sincerity, she finally asserted, adding with a smile, "I will go to please you, though I know I shall regret the time spent there as lost."

So one cheering Sunday morning the deed was consum. mated; the lecture, an excellent one, was of a conservative type. As they emerged from the hall the Spiritualist said "Well, Serens, how did you like cur speaker?" The reply was, "Ob, well, it was not so bad as I supposed it would be. I thought it would be all about spooks, free love, etc. Still I don't think I shall want to go there sgain." So matters rested. About a month later, while our Spiritualist friend was enjoying another lecture, her attention was arrested by the footfalls of some late-comers, and she turned to see who the tardy ones were, lo and behold, who should she behold but the graceful form of her Church friend tripping lightly in. She took a back seat, listened attentively, and at the close of the lecture quickly passed out before the singing or dismissal had been reached. Of course, her motive was to stear clear of her friend, the judicious friend (for I called her such), as she acted wisely in letting the peach ripen slowly and naturally by not paying any further attention to the seed sown except by quietly watching the development. In less than two months two more visits were paid to our lecture room, and on the last occasion a friend accompanied her, that she two might taste of the forbidden fruit. And now the Church holds no more enchantment for the one who expected to hear a lively discourse of spooks, free love, etc. As she told her spiritual friend, "You seemed to have magnetized me, as . like to come among you folks, for I feel better every way more calm and peace ful, more in harmony with myself."

How it will effect the friend's friend I can not tell, but hope that she too may become spiritually illuminated. Here is a convert made in some three months, time by a persistent friend, who, no doubt, was impressed to enter the enemy's camp, and help release this impressible creature, who may yet prove a b'essing to our cause. The mere fact of bringing a friend with her shows that she has a claim upon the affections of a willing companion, and both may, in time, add value to our ranks. So the ball can be kept rolling on, each one watching an opportunity to bring a poor wanderer in out of Churchanity, creedal storm, into a harbor where all is light and peace. As we can only work where the soil is prepared, it behooves us to be extra vigilant in our duty to one misguided fellow creature that we may not find our pathway partly blocked by sins of omission.

[Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

# THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

W J CUSHING.

What is truth? It is not to be found in every book we read, nor does the easy going, careless, thoughtless person appreciate it. It is recognized from hard experience in this world, as regards material things and social obligations; and from a cultivated mind and unfolded spirit regarding spiritual

"Truth is the blossom of experience." It is learned from "hard knocks" in this world, and though a good deal of effort on the part of the spirit world to unfold and teach special earthly instruments in order to reach mankind at large. Earthly wisdom comes from a knowledge of the "tree of good and evil"—heavenly wisdom comes from on high through inspiration, unfoldment, and intuition.

The one is an evolution, the other an involution; and both neccessary to the growth and final perfection of man. The light of truth is now being given us in a measure never before known. Following the spiritual perception of it in the came Spiritualism with its proof of possible communication between the two worlds of spirit and matter and its angelic teachings. Then came the metsphysical movement with its futher interpretation of the Bible and divine healing, or the power of mind or spirit over matter.

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The world is afire with the blaze of modern thought, and in the conflagration the truth will prevail and survive the downfall of error.

We know that the so called dead live in a world that borders this like an enveloping cloud and that they may go beyond that cloud to other worlds still grander. That they come to us to make their presence known and the wiser ones to teach us. We know that through the power of the will, of mind, of thought-whether in the body or free from it, disease is healed, and mind becomes triumphant over matter.

We know, if our minds are open to it, that there is truth in the ancient wisdom religion; but it must be dug for like gold, and as in the latter the dross be thrown away and with it the denial of spirit control and communion. The truth between the two lids of the Bible, coming through actual spiritual revelation by means of the early teachers, mediums, seers, and prophets, is as true to day as it was when given through the early martyrs who gave their lives for it; and only needs to be associated with that of to day to be recognized. But the world is so much larger to-day that it needs many separated systems to get in the whole of truth, otherwise finite man could not grasp the essentials of all; and America, with its freedom of speech and liberty of the individual, seems the fitting place for evolving "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Let each one who has come into the advance guard, whether in a general or special way, do the work that seems assigned him, and ultimate peace and harmony, will be the result. "Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause, she simply asks a hearing."

# Wants to be Heard.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH ]

I sent a number of communications in hopes that I might ism. get in rapport with some of your readers, but none of the you are not in sympathy with my movement, and if it were a personal matter with me you would hear no more of it. But ter if they make demands for bread."-The Golden State. personal matter with me you would hear no more of it. But I consider that it is a matter of the greatest importance, not so much to me as to all the inhabitants of the earth, so I send you this in hopes that you will glance over it before throwing it into the waste basket.

I see in your paper that you warn your readers against the Pope of Rome. In that you do well as far as that goes. I also see that you warn them against the machinations of the

also see that you warn them against the machinations of the money powers. That also is well. But what do words amount cents. The Chinaman who spits on it and irons it gets ten to when no means are used? You do not seem to see that cents. That's protection.-Poala Times.

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### LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

-D. C-Your excellent contribution accepted with thanks. -Mrs. Josephrae Kipp, transet medium, will be at Manda, Obio, on Saturday, and at Condon's Sunday, and re-

tuen to the city on Monday. -Professor N. H. Imber, a cabalistic lecturer, is in this city, and expects to deliver an address on "What is a Cabala?" at Dunglase Hall Friday evening.

-Dr. George W. Carpenter, of 1146 Greenshow street, Chicago, is open for engagements to lecture. Dr. Carpenter to reputed to be quite a scientific ressoner on subjects pertuining to the cause.

-England has a Spiritualista' Bible class. Next we will hear of a Christian Taimud class, or of a Jewish Sun Worshippers' class. What is the matter with a Spiritualists' Common better class ! The interesting letter in to-day's issue from Mrs. Shel-

hames Longley will no doubt be read with pleasure by those who know this gental lady, and are familiar with her writings as a medium and authoress. -The lyceum opened auspiciously last Sun-lay at G. A. R.

Hall. A number of classes were formed, both for the interest of adults and children. More are expected next Sunday. Be prompt. Exercises begin at 2 30 p. m.

-Maydower, of Floral Park, N. Y, is a horticultural magazine tail of instructive reading matter on the science of raising dowers, accompanied by illustrations throughout the book. Address J. L. Childs, Floral Park, N. Y., for sample

- Miss Judson is located at 234 Park avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. She is always at home to visitors Tuesday aftermuon and evening On Thursday evenings she gives her lesson on development, to which the admission is twenty-five

-We see by English papers that Brother J. J. Morse is still armored for the defense and the good of Spiritualism. One of his recent lectures entitled "Spiritualism-Its Limitations and Suggestions," was published in full in Two Worlds, and is a document worthy of deliberate perusal.

-Father Ignatius, the Episcopal monk, called the Bishop of Worcester a liar at the Church Congress in Birmingham, England, on the afth of this month. This loving epithet created great excitement among the assembled. They had temporarily forgotten the injunction of "Love ye one another as taught by Christ.

-A social, a social at the Union Society Hall! The first of the season. How delighted are the young folks, and some first dance. Next Wednesday, the 18th of October, this pleasing event comes off.

-Mr. Charles Howell, who has been developing for several years past for the reception of spiritual truths, announces himself ready to do duty as a medium for inspirational speaking. Societies or circles seeking a fresh and unbiased or unpartizan teacher can secure one in this gentleman. Address him at 35 Monroe Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

-There has been a perceptible falling off in the crimes of preachers during the past week. Probably the spirit world nas "let up" on them, since the holy Sunday paper has "let up" on Spiritualism. It is dangerous to "monkey" with the spirits, as their control over mental conditions is sufficiently would destroy they first make mad."

-If there is lunacy in believing in spirits-a fact that can be proven-there must be downright madness in believing "every word in the Bible," said an old investigator, as he re placed that sacred book on our office desk where he had found He had evidently been reading the story of Jonah and of the Alliance. whale, or the passage of the Jews across the Red Sea.

-The St. Louis Spiritual Association has published a of St. Louis in general and to the society in particular. It has thirty six pages of closely printed matter. It has a preface, followed by the list of officers. Then the constitution of the association, followed by illustrations and biographies of J. Clegg Wright, Willard J. Hull, Mrs. A. M. Glading, Moses Huil, J. Frank Baxter, Fred. A. Wiggins, Lyman C. Howe, Dr. F. L. H. Willis, Edgar W. Emerson, and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. It closes with a number of spiritual essays and a list of eminent Spiritualists the world over. The officers are M. S. Beckwith, president; J. F. Wiggans, vice president; M. Goettler, treasurer, Mary Steinman, secretary.

Rev. John T. Jacks endeavored to stop the liquor traffic at Washington by inrowing a brick through a \$300 plate glass window, and destroying \$150 worth of stock in Charles Kramer's wholesale establishment. He was arrested and committed to the workhouse for mental examination. On the same day the wife of Rev. W. H. H. Powers, of Baltimore. was arrested for inducing a servant to poison someone with arsenic. No doubt the Church would rather attribute both of these cases to a touch of insanity than wilful malice, considering that forgiveness is the corner stone of the origi nal Christianity. But why not make the absurd teachings of the Bible responsible for this as they endeavor to make the teachings of Spiritualism responsible for an occasional like weak-minded individual who exhibits traces of inherited insanity?

-Some good friend sent us several back numbers of The Pacific Commercial Advertiser, a paper published at Honulu-la, Sandwich Islands. Think of it, but a few generations ago its inhabitants broiled missionaries for their Sunday dinner now a forty-two column bright-paged newspaper comes from there. We see the same advertisements in it that trouble our own journals, including one with the American flag conspicuously displayed and advertising fire-works for the Fourth of July celebration. An editorial in the same issue speaks hopefully of annexation to the United States. It seems as though we are more entitled to it than any other nation, or that the Hawaiians have a stronger home feeling for Uncle Sam than any other uncle. Well, let them get a little more home-sick in this direction. It might wind up in a happy marriage between the two nations—even if the Sandwicher should say they annexed us, not we them.

-The People's Philosophical Society held their usual services on Sunday, and judging from the large increased attendance and the perfect attention given to each lecture, we feel justified in saying we have awakened an enthusiasm, and are greatly encouraged by the interest manifested in the new-Both Mrs. Grensmeyer and Professor Ernst have many admirers, who throng the hall. The invocations are soulful, the music inspiring. Mrs. Woods, a charming lady, who has done good work for the Ladies' Atd, made her initial bow to the public on last Sunday, and we are, indeed, proud to add our congratulations to the many that were extended to her at the close of the service. The Ladies' Aid will meet on Friday at 2 30. A large number was with us the past week, and new members are constantly being added to our ranks. All are welcome. The free circle that is held every Sunday morning is growing, and every one leaves the hall feeling better for having attended. - Sec'y.

-Prof. Alvin Kelly Pease (advertised on our sixth page) has struck a spiritualistic boom here. Possibly the largest and most harmonious circle in Cincinnati, which he now leads, is composed of Roman Catholic Americans, some Catholic me diums, and Fathers O'Connor and Doyle, spirits of two well known priests, invaribly speak, communications are had in English, German, Hebrew, and Indian. Everything is wonderfully convincing. Prof. Pease claims to be an apostle who has a convincing record. He possesses special gifts for developing new medie, getting convincing phenomena through media in a public circle and in running very successful public Sunday meetings. He is a natural born ice-breaker and successful missionary in founding and in building up Spiritualist societies, where the stinginess, illiberality or cowardice of Spiritualists do not hinder. He has victoriously founded societies "on a jump" in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and other States. He lately took the hearts of the people by storm in Troy, Saratoge, and Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp-meeting, N. Y., and in Dayton, O. He is not in the habit of "biting his own nose off" by blind avariciousness for money, as too many ignorant and selfish ones do and whom the angels do not prosper. Selfish and jealous media, who make no converts nor aid the poor-do not prosper Ditto mean Spiritualists. Mr. Pease is a born missionary medium, and advocate of the grandest and highest truths— heaven-born truths—of which mortals can conceive! He has

ability to increase their membership, etc., as above. He is to publish a book detailing his grand spiritual experiences in

MEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS, Continued, every city, expose selfish, justous or trickster media, etc., is now soon going South on a missionary tour, and thus deserves a warm reception.

-Miss Abby Judson spoke again very acceptably to two good sized audiences at G. A. R. Hall last Sunday. Her evening subject was "Soul," though she devoted a considerable share or her discourse to the spirit and body of man as well is order to make clearer her definition of the main subject. Mediumship, too, ploughed its way in as a natural attribute of the subject under discussion. Conditions, of course, belong to mediumship. Here came in the first new thought, hough neatly and appropriately brought to the fore with the way well prepared by argument. It was that anxiety to hear from our loved ones at sesuces makes us positive to their advances, while we should be perfectly negative. Spir-its are positive by nature. Mortals are the opposite, only becoming temporarily positive while engaged in their men tal or physical labor as a preparation for absolute positruity-angelhood. This is right, so far as they, as mortals on the material plane, are concerned. But when they enter the seance room they are no more on the material plane, but on a spiritual one, even if but relatively considered. To get into communion with spirits-positive life entities-we must, therefore, become negative-the more so the better for us and the spirits-the more easily our spirit friends can approach us. As two positives—giving the electrically charged pith balls as examples—repell each other, so two positives at a morning, my thoughts have traveled to the editorial sanctum seance-room prevent the coalition of mortal and spirit for the purpose of communion or identification of the one by the other. A number of other such illustrations followed which were equally interesting to those who could appreciate this paper from week to week. sort of spiritual reasoning. She also switched off into the abstract at intervals, giving her subject a somewhat metaphysical turn; also interesting to those whose minds are sufficiently ripened to enjoy such cullings from the tree of the higher spiritual philosophy. But all can understand who will but listen with the intuitive ear. Miss Judson is an expert at teaching-having been engaged in the art quite a paid a beautiful tribute to the Deity as a triune of goodness, beauty, and truth-unconsciously touching the Masonic trinity-and defining it in the same simple manner as she did the aforenamed. Miss Judson, at the close of the services, annonneed that she has set apart Tuesday afternoon and evening as her reception day, when she would be glad to see visitors. Toursday at 8 p. m she will hold a class for lessons in mediumship. All Spiritualists are invited. Residence No. 234 Park avenue.

### Cleveland News.

The Cleveland Spiritual Alliance, with Mrs. H S Lake as old ones as well; for the elders are happy in seeing the young enjoy themselves. Come early and be ready for the and numbers. The meetings being held on the ground floor, pastor and Thos. A. Black as president, is growing in strength in a commodious and well seated hall in a central location there is now no good reason, while so ably presided over, why Spiritualism should not come more to the front and receive more patronage from the general public, as well as the more aged Spiritualists who have hitherto been debarred by everything but the "golden stairs."

The ten cent collection on entering, lately adopted by the Alliance, gives good satisfaction as shown by the increasing audience. We believe its the proper plan in the present state of organization.

Mrs. Lake's theme the past two Sundays has been "The panacea for public ills-Nationalism." This timely subject proved very attractive, was forcibly and eloquently presented and left a deep impression on the audience. The psychopowerful to make good the aphorism: "Whom the gods metric readings at the close of the discourse given by Mrs. Lake have also proved a very attractive feature of the meetings, owing to her successful exhibition of this wonderful science. Gradually is Mrs. I.ake enlarging the scope of her work here, and on the 8th inst, she proposes to publicly receive all into the spiritual fold who are registered as members

The Children's Progressive Lyceum which now meets in the same hall (Army and Navy) in the afternoon, is once more prospectus for '93 '94, which does credit to the Spiritualists settling down to steady work after the long summer vacation, increasing in number every Sunday. Dr. A. O Leary, the well kno n lecturer on physiology, gave the scholars a very interesting talk on the World's Fair at Chicago, and Sunday 1st inst., Dr. V. P. English, the phrenologist, instructed and enter-ained the children by illustrating how character could be indicated by the walk of a person. Conductor Arthur I King is fast learning the requirements of his new office and proposes this winter to re-establish the custom of inviting outside talent to address the children occasionally on things they should know.

Mr. Harry W. Archer, the materializing medium, is located for the winter at 1420 Broadway, and proposes to hold seances as often as his yet delicate health will permit. Dr. D. Bodi field, a well known and successful physician of this city, who is now attending the sick man, is also attending seances occasionally and reports the manifestations "the best I have ever seen," and the doctor has had considerable experience.

"William A. Mensfield, the well-known slate-writigg medium, is also located here for the winter while studying medicine, and proposes to give his leisure time to investigators seeking proof of the genuineness of spirit phenomena. can be found at 154 Huron street.

The West Side and other spiritual societies are all flour ishing, and hard times or not. Spiritualism expects to hold a conspicuous place in the public mind the coming winter. OCCASIONAL.

# Warren, Pa.

Through the guides of Mr. Fred Kellar we have succeed ed in starting a society in this place. It is just four months old, and its membership numbers about forty. We started in with some eight names, and the prospects are before the year rolls round that we will have some 200 names on the roll of members. That is the prediction by our friends on

The first Tuesday of September we elected the following officers for the coming year: Fred Kellar, president; Jacob Schnuer, vice president; John A Robertson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Fred Kellar, corresponding secretary.

Our society was also represented by an able brother at the late convention, so you may see we mean business and have come to stay. At present we meet at the members' homes Tuesday evenings, and every one looks forward to the meeting, We spend the time interestingly, and at times we receive through the guides of Brother Kellar words of cheer and encouragement and instructive addresses. Two years ago this gentleman scoffed at Spiritualism, but a few of us organized a circle, and he was the first one to be controlled. His development has been rapid, as his heart and soul is in the good work, and I am sure very soon he will be before the public as a worker for the cause and be listened to with much in-

terest as his controls are of a high order.
Our little town is fully alive this fall. Several from here went to Lily Dale and got their eyes opened, and upon returning home found that we have in our midst a grand physical medium in Mr. C. C. Still who can prove to any skeptic the truth of spirit return, and that under strict test conditions in either a light or dark seance. In his light seance which I had the pleasure of attending at the home of Brother Kellar some three weeks ago we had in all I think twenty-two per sons in the circle, and the manifestations are materialized hands which come through the solid curtain bringing messages of love from the dear ones on the other side. Many of hem were written in different colors of red, blue, and black. Musical instruments are played upon and mental questions

answered. I would add further that his dark seance is grand. Words from me would poorly describe the many manifestations, such as trumpet talking and touches from spirit hands and mes sages of a high order. Brother Still promises to make a good independent slate-writing medium. Several fine communica-

tions have been received between closed slates. We expect to make some arrangements to give a series o public lectures this winter so as to reach the masses, and would further add that should any stranger pass this way o stay over in our town that we will give them a hearty welcome

to join us in our meetings and seances.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON, Sec'y.

Secretary.

# The National Spiritualists Association.

Charters under the National Association will be issued according to order of application received, accompanied by the fee. Requests for charters made at the convention can not be complied with until the fee is paid.

All societies in the United States desiring to secure the benefits of the National Association are requested to conform also an experienced editor and advertiser, and inexperienced of the constitution will be sent to each and every society of officers of societies will do well to give him at least a gentle. Spiritualists; all requests for information will be complied manly reception, as he possesses the much-needed executive with relative to all matters pertaining to the association. street, Cleveland, O, where he is continuing his course in ROBERT A DIMMICK,

Washington, D. C.

Correspondence from Mrs. M. T. Longley.

Although some time has passed since anything from my pen has found its way to your office, yet it was not that I had ings of great joy" to the longing human hearts concerning the land immortal through the pages of your valuable paper.

war I humanity, for I have weekly scanned your columns and open sgain soon.-Mrs. H. L. Bigelow, Sec'y. felt that they really do glean with the light of truth for the illumination of darkened minds, and for the brightening and encheering of mourning hearts that long for news from the great beyond.

Changes have taken place with me since my last words I remember rightly, the usefulness and mission of the Vetworld as the Banner of Light medium, an office which I had filled for fourteen years.

To-day I am writing while seated in the Pollman car of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, with my record of past works behind me, and my nistory of future mediumistic labors unwritten and unwrought, for my companion and myself are traveling as fast as steam will bear us toward the Pacific Slope, and of the LIGHT OF TRUTH, and I have felt to waft a thought of sympathy and of cheer toward those who fill its office, and also to the many readers who scan the lines of that good

It has become quite generally known by this time that I have retired from the position I so long held in Boston as a public medium, and that-under the advice of my trusted guides-I am to spend a season in California, and it is needless to say that Mr. Longley and I have taken up the line of travel marked out for us with zeal and courage. accomplish some good work with our medial wifts, and at the its atmosphere of spiritual hospitality and increase of pounds

and of mediumship.

We spent two weeks of delightful experience at Chicago, visiting the great World's Fair, and coming in contact with spiritualistic minds and loving, kindly hearts.

At the time we were there Mr. Colville was holding forth to the thoughtful and interested audiences, and doing a great work for our beloved cause.

Dr. George Datton was, and is, spreading the gospel of truth and teaching the principles of right living at his new Chicago University. Dr. Dutton is an enthusiast in his profession, a scholar, and a perfect gentleman. His published works are commanding wide attention. Dutton's Anatomy is a standard work for college and class room as well as for private study.

The Parliament of Religions helds its opening sessions during our stay in the great city of the West. We attended them. The purest humanitarianism was preached at them by the picturesque Orientals, who came from the far East to unite with our own people in presenting the claims of religion to the world. They were hailed with enthusiasm by the large assemblies, and the greatest attention was given their utterances whenever the Buddhists or Brahmins were called upon to speak. It is an encouraging signs to us to note that through all the long and many sessions of this religious parliament a tendency has been strongly marked on the part of the representative of all religions to cast aside the barriers of creed and sect and dogmas existing between them, and to draw closer the lines of brotherly love and human sympathy and the recognition of a universal spirit that holds all people in its divine embrace.

the general rule, manifested in public or spoken in private. May the cause grow and prosper. as, for instance, the sharp decisive words of the Rev. Joseph religion-and his own interpretation of it in particular, over all others, and also that of the old lady who was heard to ask one of the attendants at the art palace where the religious congresses were held-in which hall the meeting was in pro gress. "Madam," replied he, "there are thirty-five halls here in every one of which a meeting of some religious body is now in session." "You don't mean it," ejaculated the amazed woman. "I thought there was only one meeting and one reigion now." "And what was that?" was questioned. "The Presbyterian!" came the response.

The Spiritualists' Convention was not held in Chicago Lotelo, each of whom had many things to say through my organism to irquiring friends.

Mr. Longley, too, aided the work most beautifully by the endition of many of his spiritual songs, which he always sings from the heart, and which always draws responsive tears from the souls of his listeners.

Geneseo once had a spiritual society of its own, which has long since passed away. The old workers, save a very few, have gone on to the better land, and the younger generation has allowed the torch of Spiritualism to almost flicker attainment. out. Yet a few zealous souls remain among them. Dear good Mrs. McFarlane, whose heart and home are ever open to me to make the strongest among us blush, if we ever in the slightest manner are silent when its claims should be advanced. In her room appear the various weekly papers of our cause, and would not lack for hearty support.

The young men in Geneseo, who have keen mentality and well-balanced minds, are studying Spiritualism and sitting for the unfoldment of personal mediumship, and I have no doubt that their efforts will bear good fruit for the future

harvests. The daily papers of Chicago are printing the strong and lengthy lines:

"A woman who is still young and powerful in mind and

soul, and who was always received with abundant applause when she spoke at the recent religious congress, was denied hearing at the temperance convention in Albany in 1850 or 851. She was excluded because she was a woman. She had helped start the temperance cause in 1847. Later she passed through mob and insult. But a half century begins now to show the natural play of cause and effect. The same woman is welcomed by the learned of Church and State. The days of insult, novelty, and guesswork are gone. Thus the dream of Fulton passed out of its days of doubt and laugh ter. The ship now sweeps over the Atlantic in a silent majesty. Thus the further advance of woman has become one o the inevitable beautiful scenes of to morrow. In our epoch fifty years constituted a long day of probation. The woman question has passed through its probation in triumph, and must take its place among the glorious themes of the future No one on earth knows what kind of robe or headdress she she will wear, but we know that she will be splendid in her education, and benevolent and mighty in her power.' M. T. LONGLEY.

# Marshalltown, la.

The Times Republican of last week says: The Spiritualists and liberals of Marshalltown and vicinity will give a social reception to Mr. C. E. Winans, the materializing medium on ext Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Sunnyside hall, 201 South Third Avenue, this city. Mr. Winans has been before the public as a medium for more than twenty-five years. This is his third visit to this city. He has been repeatedly and thorougly investigated under the most rigid test conditions by many committees and has always given satisfactory proofs of the genuineness of the spirit manifestations and the reliability of his mediumship. He will give his last scance here on Sunday evening at So'clock sharp, in this hall. Flowers will be very acceptable and may be sent to the hall on Saturday or on Sunday morning. All persons who are interested in this subject are most cordially invited to attend this reception.

the guests of that most hospitable landlord, Clint W. Smith, at his hotel, the "Smith House," in Ashtabula, O. Mr. Smith is one of the prime movers in the new camp meeting of the South, and an unselfish worker in the cause of Spiritualism. The exercise of Mr. Mansfield's wonderful gift in independent slate-writing and physical phenomena in the light has given thousands of dollars and many years of labor to this glorious work, like St. Paul, and hence his success! He is become an integral part of the National Association. A copy vicinity into the philosophy of life beyond this vale of

> medicine and devoting a share of his time to his gifts and the public.

NOTES FROM ALL POINTS.

San Jose, Cal. On Sunday, September 24th, Mrs. Cowell, of Oskiand, Cal, occupied the rostrum at the hall of the grown unmindful of your interests, nor that I had forgotten the good work you are doing in sending out the "glad tide" every one being recognized. She is one of the best test and business mediums on this coast. Bishop A. Beals followed land immortal through the pages of your valuable paper. I have kept in touch with your work and with the efforts investigators from the Churches are to be seen in the audiyour are making to grow in usefulness and helpfulness to ence. Our lyceum has been having a vacation, but will be

Monon, Ind .- We had the pleasure of having Bro. A. Willia with us for a few days prior to the convention. We attended two of his trumpet seances, and while the conditions were such that we could not have any materializations, we were more than pleased with the results, and consider him a good were printed in the LIGHT OF TRUTH-words concerning, if and true medium. Should be ever return here he will find many friends and a welcome awaiting him. We listened to eran Spiritualist Union. At that time I was known to the the instructions given us from spirit friends about starting a society. We hope before many weeks pass away we will have a good spiritual work started in this place. H. H. FROSS.

> Toledo, O .- A growing interest in Spiritualism is beginning to be felt here. Mrs. C. Turnbull lectured in Clark's Hall, in this city, on the 1st inst., to a large audience on "The seven physical and the seven soul senses of man." The lecturer showed that man has not yet developed all of his physical senses, and is only beginning to realize the soul's senses, The lecture was an inspired one, and was listened to with earnest attention from the beginning. Mr. Turnbull is giving a class course of lectures at the parlors of Mr. M Knight on astrology and kindred occult subjects. The subjects are treated scientifically, and are deeply interesting .- Corr.

Toledo, O -It affords me very great pleasure to learn that one of my Montreal pupils for mediumintic developments has at last become a worker. I refer to Mr. Coulson Turnbull, who was trained for a schoolmaster's profession, but the truths of Spiritualism having been brought home to him he investigated and became a convert, and now a public instruwhile before entering the arena of Spiritualism—and knows same time gain from the genial climate of the sunny land, and ment for the preaching and teaching of Spiritualism. Mr. how to handle subjects that are to benefit others. She also its atmosphere of spiritual hospitality and increase of pounds. Turnbull has very patiently given nearly four years time to Turnbull has very patiently given nearly four years time to development-a period not given in vain, I know, for I feel sure his guides now can use him with good fesalts. His mediumistic fort appears to be astral science and planetary law, but his guides will also handle the spiritual philosophy with success. I wish him every success, and congratulate the Toledo Spiritualists in having Mr. Turnbull in their midst .- G. W. Walrond.

#### Canada.

Hamilton.-On Sunday last the association had the pleasure of Mrs. Effie Moss' presence at the ball. During the week she had given three materializing seances with great success and satisfaction to all who had the privilege of being present. A gentleman of standing, socially and commercially, at London, Ont., says: "He looks upon Mrs. Moss as the best materializing medium he has ever had the pleasure of witnessing," and this is the opinion of a rumber in this city. The regret here is that she could not remain a week or two longer, and satisfy the earnest demands of so many earnest truth seekers. At our service on Sunday she spoke very earnestly and feelingly on the real necessity for harmony and love among one and all, and her words came at an opportune moment; for, like many societies all over the world, j alousies and misunderstandings will creep in and disturb the evenness of things. We all live and learn from experience.

Bondon.-Here the work is going on progressively under the fostering care of several devoted Spiritualists, who, in spite of the social opposition, are sowing the seeds of truth in fertile ground. Mrs. Aber is now a resident of this city, But occasionally one would hear of some exception to and giving materializing and slate-writing seances regularly.

Toronto.-The society in Toronto has fallen through, ow-Cook, whichever insisted on the superiorty of the Christian ing to internal dissension among the members. I trust, however, some of the leading Spiritualists will see their way to building up another society on a firmer and more lasting basis. I am at their call whenever required, and will set the GEORGE W. WALROND. ball rolling again.

# Brooklyn, N. Y.

The doors of the churches shall be thrown open to the advance of spirituality. The old dogmatic creeds are slowly crumbling to dust, and the people cry for light, wisdom, and understanding. Thus do we chronicle the first advansive step taken by the newly organized Association of Spiritualuntil after we had lest the great city for other points. While ists of Brooklyn, E. D. The Progressive Spiritual Associathat body was in session we were busy at Geneseo, Ill., doing tion celebrated their first meeting last Sunday evening, October 1981. ists of Brooklyn, E. D. The Progressive Spiritual Associamissionary work, after the manner of "Father Pierpoint" and tober 1st, in the old Methodist church, Bedford avenue and South Third street. A large and appreciative audience assembled and listened to various addresses and the kind solicitous thought of Dr. J C. Wyman, after which Mr. Morley gave some fine reading, followed by the ever welcomed platform test medium, Mrs. Ormstead. Mrs. E M. Mills, under the control of an advanced spirit, pronounced the promise of a glorious work, and the gathering together of a multitude. We feel elated at the prospect, and hope to draw many investigating minds to seek the light and the promise of a future MRS. M. EVANS.

E. J. Bowtell lectured at Kingston Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. diums and speakers, and whose loyalty to truth is something on the afternoons of September, 24th and October 1st and Sth. On the evenings of the two first above named dates for the Brooklyn Spiritual Association at People's Party Hall, 102 Court street. On the evening of October 8th for the Spiritwere more like this peerless soul the spiritualistic press ualist Society of the Eastern District, now meeting at Bedford avenue, South Third street. Speaks at Hartford, Conn. October 22d and 29th.

# Louisville, Ky.

Miss Amelia Wentzel and myself have opened a circle for spiritual culture, seeing the need of true spiritual mediumship in the missionary work to satisfy the earnest investigators. We opened a developing circle in connection with exbrave utterances that many minds are sending out from the modern pulpits of the day. I append an extract from the sermon of Professor Swing on Sunday last, which is full of and scientific workers in the field to sid us with advice as to cheer and encouragement for the progress and usefulness of the best plan of instructions in all phases of mediumshipthe woman cause, and with these I will close my already too advice or instruction to satisfy the true investigators. Money is not our object-truth, light, and knowledge is what we need from all quarters of the globe to assist us in the good cause. Who will respond by corresponding at an early date? Experience of lecturers and mediums solicited. Especially rre lecturers or mediums employed in the near future in our city invited to call on us, either privately at our home, 2018 W. Main street; or Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock in Falls City Hall, third floor, front; W. Market Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. We will be thankful for all favors, with feeling of true friendship to all-enemies to none, we will look for answers or callers.

MRS. A. C. HAWKES, Teacher of Aesthetic Spiritual Cul-

# Notice.

The president of the National Spiritualists Association, Professor H. D Barrett, may be addressed at 504 Warren avenue, Chicago, III, on business concerning the association. He was compelled to remain in the aforenamed city by reason of affairs and business pressure concerning the new organisation. During the interval he will also answer calls for Sunday or evening lectures in or around Chicago.

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